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Company is looking for more technicians

UP TO 10 jobs are being created by a Halesowen firm over the next 12 months as part of plans to expand part of its business.

Bevan Group, based in Amber Way, is taking on experienced mobile service technicians to boost its existing aftercare and on-site repairs division.

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Brick firm is to shed 31

MORE THAN 30 jobs are at risk after a world renowned brick company announced the closure of its factory in Kingswinford.

Officials from Ibstock Brick said 31 workers at the site in Tansey Green Road, had been informed of the decision.

Consultation is now taking place with employees regarding potential redundancies although bosses said some may be offered relocation to other sites.

Bosses blamed the closure of the factory on tough trading conditions leading to a decline in demand for bricks. They said the drop in business had been ongoing.

DOMINIC'S PRIDE BURNS BRIGHTLY

by Alex Homer

THE OLYMPIC flame lit up Dudley as tens of thousands of people flocked on to the borough's streets to take part in the once-in-a-lifetime event. Among the torchbearers was the UK's youngest - Halesowen schoolboy Dominic Macgowan.

Dominic, aged 12, who attends Leasowes Community College, enjoyed his moment of Olympic glory at the weekend proudly holding the torch aloft as he ran with the flame as part of the Birmingham leg. The keen footballer was nominated by teachers at his school because of his sporting enthusiasm and ability. His mother Jan said: "It was marvellous. When he got off the bus he said the crowd were really keen to get their picture with him and it sunk in for him then really."

Hippodrome campaigners view the task

CAMPAIGNERS trying to save Dudley Hippodrome have had the chance to look inside the building for the first time since it shut three years ago.

The group, using torches and wearing hard hats, navigated the dark rooms of the building in Castle Hill on Wednesday.

Much of the original plasterwork is still in place although all of the seating and stage were ripped out to make way for bingo tables.

Dudley Council officers had given access to the campaigners to allow them to assess what refurbishments would be needed to reopen the building.

They want to finalise a business plan for bosses at Dudley Council, showcasing how it could be reopened as a thriving theatre.

Group chairman Geoff Fitzpatrick welcomed the move to allow them access, saying the condition of the building will have a bearing on its future.

"It is amazing to get to come in here and see the building is," he said.

"So much of it has changed but the general feel of the theatre still remains. It is good to get to see the building," he added.

They are looking to finalise a business plan for bosses at Dudley Council.

More than 30,000 turned out to welcome the Torch to the borough with traders reaping the benefits of an estimated six-figure windfall.

Crowds lined Birmingham New Road, Tipton Road and the pathways of the Black Country Living Museum to catch a glimpse of the iconic Flame. Not only were young and old able to take in the historic occasion on Saturday, but also the passing trade generated from the people who took to the streets delivered a welcome boost to borough businesses.

Dudley South MP Chris Kelly estimated the borough's windfall would top six figures.

Historic

He said: "There must have been 30,000 people out on the streets of Dudley and I suspect most of those will have spent a couple of pounds each in the borough on average, so that's at least a six-figure boost."

"Not only is this good for trade but it's great to see the Black Country Living Museum showcase the best of the region's great heritage, historic canal network and its industry." Dudley Mayor Councillor Melvyn Mottram added: "We've had a very proud weekend but nothing would have been possible without a great turnout from the people of Dudley."

Mike Duley, director of Dudley Canal Trust, said the event had also seen a surge in first-time bookings for the trust.

He said: "We've got lots of events later in the year such as for Halloween and Aladdin in pantomime for Christmas which may also have more demand due to the interest generated by the torch." Businesses at Castlegate, opposite the museum and along the torch's route, enjoyed a bumper day on Saturday.

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Halesowen schoolboy and youngest torchbearer Dominic Macgowan, aged 12, carries the Olympic Flame on the relay leg through Birmingham

360 jobs are at risk as Graves in trouble

JULIAN Graves health food shops have gone into administration, putting more than 360 jobs across a total of 189 stores at risk.

The company, which was originally based in Brierley Hill, has shops in the Merry Hill shopping centre, Walsall, Lichfield, Kidderminster, Brewwood and Bridgnorth.

Administrators from Deloitte said the retailer has been adversely affected by the tough economic climate, in particular, the ongoing pressure on consumer spending, a competitive high street trading environment, and rising commodity prices.

Administrator Chris Farrington said: "Our priority is to assess the financial position of Julian Graves."

Julian Graves, based in Nuneaton, is the sister company of Holland & Barrett and both are owned by NBTY Europe.

NBTY Europe acquired Julian Graves from defunct Icelandic investment vehicle Baugur in 2008 in a distressed purchase. It is understood to have been loss-making since it was acquired, losing around £2m for the last few years.

The group started from the humble beginnings of a £550 loan from the founder's father, to a £14 million takeover by an international investment group, it once looked like the sky was the limit for the Black Country health food chain.

At the height of its success, the company was turning over £60 million a year.

Regiment marching in

THE Royal Mercian Lancastrian Yeomanry marched through the streets of Dudley as it was handed the freedom of the borough.

Dudley's Mayor conferred a scroll on the regiment during the event.

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Olympic Torch lights up the lives of proud flame bearers



Volunteer Ross Ensor, aged 18, from Wall Heath with the Olympic Torch which was carried through Dudley



Kate McFarlane, centre, Graham Wheatcroft, Keith Mellor, Janet Small and Bob Dale



Torchbearer Beckie Port is mobbed by people wanting to see the torch before she begins her run



Happy youngsters with faces painted, waving flags as the torch passes through Coseley on its way from Wolverhampton to Dudley along Birmingham New Road



Betty Billingsley, Vilma Walsh and Jean Carter, from Friends of the Black Country Living Museum watch the Torch at the museum site

TORCHBEARERS have spoken of their pride at carrying the famous flame through Dudley borough.

Thousands lined the streets surrounding the Black Country Living Museum to greet the Olympic symbol at the weekend.

Torchbearers enjoyed a rare honour and were given a memento by Dudley Council in the form of glass hearts representing the heart of the region, and fashioned in its

glass quarter. Ross Ensor, an 18-year-old Dudley College student, carried the torch into the Dudley Canal Trust venue before it boarded the President narrowboat.

He said: "It was almost overwhelming to see so many people queuing. I will always be proud of that, it still hasn't really sunk in."

Dennis Sanders, a 75-year-old of Great Barr, carried the torch aboard the President as it docked at the museum.

Mr Sanders, who runs Pax Lib-

erations releasing doves for memorials and tributes, said: "It was a great pleasure."

Ben Hudson, aged 17, who hit the headlines last year when bravely saving 14-year-old Chloe West from a terrifying knife attack outside a school near his Stourbridge home, ran the torch leg through Horseley Fields, Wolverhampton.

He said: "That was the best moment of my life. Not many people of my age have already got

something to tell their grand kids about. I felt really honoured. It was a breath taking experience."

Caroline Hickman, a teacher of 14 years at Brierley Hill's Brookmoor Primary School, was among the crowds in the borough with husband Aaron, an accountant, and son Daniel, aged seven, and daughter Lucy, five.

Mrs Hickman, daughter of long-time comedian Tommy Mundon, said: "It made you feel proud to be British to see so many people get-

ting together and celebrating in such style."

Claire Duberley, a supervisor of Bramford Primary School who lives in Cannon Drive, Coseley, enjoyed the festivities with partner Andrew and daughter Georgina.

The UK's youngest torchbearer Dominic Macgowan, aged 12, who attends Leasowes Community College, Halesowen carried the flame through Birmingham.

His mother Jan said: "It was marvellous."

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NEWS
in briefGallery closure
plan is attacked

PROPOSALS to close an art gallery and concert venue with a world class grand piano at Kidderminster Library under budget saving proposals would be "cultural vandalism", a councillor has claimed.

Worcestershire County Council has shelved its plan to turn the second floor gallery into offices while it spends more time discussing the issue with worried groups. Councillor Barry McFarlane said the county council's original plan would be a "pure act of cultural vandalism".

Traditional band
music in parks

TRADITIONAL band concerts will be staged at parks across the Dudley borough over the summer.

Events will be held at Himley Hall, Stevens Park in Quarry Bank, and Sturbridge's Mary Stevens Park and held on Sundays from 2.30pm to 5pm.

Paul Drakeley and the All-Stars Band will stage events at Himley Hall on July 22 and August 5.

They will also perform at Mary Stevens Park on July 8 and 29.

First waterside
homes on offer

THE first three-bedroom house in a waterside scheme in Stourport is being opened up to buyers.

Barratt West Midlands is inviting people to its Water's Edge development for a first look at the complex.

They will be able to see the three-bedroom home. For details contact the sales centre on 01299 828130, which is open Thursday to Monday from 10am to 5pm.

Chance to walk
through industry

THE latest walking tours exploring the Stourbridge glass industry will be held on July 15.

Broadfield House Glass Museum run the event along the Stourbridge canal. Visitors are asked to meet at 10am at the Bonded Warehouse, Canal Street, Stourbridge. The event lasts two hours. Call 01384 812745.

Visits to castle

HARTLEBURY Castle near Kidderminster will open its State Rooms every Wednesday from 10am to 5pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 5pm until September 30.



A young reveller with flags enjoys the celebration



Louise Small from Dudley at the living museum



Youngsters made torches to welcome the Flame



Kate McFarlane at BCLM war memorial



Young and old line the route of the Olympic Torch relay on Birmingham New Road in Coseley, to greet the Torch-bearer. Crowds waving Union flags and inflatable flames stand six deep along the roadside



Members of High Arcal Dance Group welcome the Olympic Torch to the Black Country Living Museum on Birmingham New Road



Supporters in costume at the Black Country Living Museum



Birmingham New Road in Coseley, lined with people waving as the Torch makes its way to Dudley



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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



OUR changing language. It is reported that one Olympic hopeful, despite much pre-Games practice, has "failed to medal".

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THE Archbishop of Canterbury declares that David Cameron's idea of a Big Society is viewed by many as "aspirational waffle". That's the Church of England for you. It still can't make up its mind about homosexuality but knows instinctively that Tory social policy is bad.

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TALKING of waffle, that great duck, diver and perennial waffer Tony Blair pops up in a BBC interview to remind us he's still around, ambitious and looking for a job, possibly as President of Europe. Pressed on the matter of his open-door immigration policy, the great man declares: "In some ways, I don't regret it." Which presumably means that "in some ways" he does and, as always, wants to be all things to all people. Blair wants to claim that mass immigration has done great things for Britain. Yet at the same time he wants to empathise with those working-class Brits whose jobs have been taken by new arrivals from the eastern EU. I wonder whether, nearly 10 years after launching the invasion of Iraq on the basis of a monstrous untruth, Tony Blair "in some ways" regrets starting the war. The prospect of him as the supreme head of the EU (with Alastair Campbell as his enforcer, peut-être?) is one that "in some ways" makes me reach for the sick bag.

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THE road signs have appeared at the end of our road. The Olympic flame is due to arrive any day now and we are warned that if we leave our cars parked on the route, they will be towed away and impounded, in the great Olympian spirit. Quite what we are expected to do with the flame is not explained. I suppose we just turn up and sort of adore it. A neighbour is muttering darkly about taking a bucket of water.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Regiment handed the freedom of borough



Soldiers march through Dudley where they were handed the freedom of the borough

MORE than 100 soldiers paraded through the streets of Dudley to receive the freedom of the borough.

Residents waved flags and cheered as they lined the streets of the town centre to see the Royal Mercian Lancastrian Yeomanry, before the ceremony. It was one of several events to mark Armed Forces Day, honouring heroes past and present.

Another event had been held at

the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, near Wolverhampton on Saturday where guests, including ex-servicemen from Dudley, were invited.

At the freedom of the borough event, the parade wound its way from the Territorial Army base, in Vicar Street, to the council house in Priory Road where a commemorative scroll was conferred on the regiment by Dudley's Mayor Councillor Melvyn Mottram.

The regiment's A Squadron is

based at the headquarters in Vicar Street, Dudley, and it has links with the area stretching back to 1794.

Under ancient privileges, the regiment is now entitled to march through the town with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, colours flying, drums beating and band playing.

Councillor Mottram said: "We're so proud in Dudley to have been able to give the regiment a once-in-a-lifetime honour.

"We had a fabulous turnout and I

was heartened to see a lot of young people among the crowd too showing their support."

Lt Col Matthew WLW Botsford MBE, commanding officer of the regiment which spans Dudley, Telford, Hereford, Chester and Wigan, thanked the borough's residents.

He said: "We would like to thank the mayor and the people of Dudley for their support and the support we hope to continue to aspire to in the future."



The Mercian Regiment parade through Dudley town centre

Merry Hill Staples store is to be sold

OFFICE supplies chain Staples has included its store at Dudley's Merry Hill shopping centre on a list of 20 it plans to sell off.

It is considering disposing of, downsizing or relocating 60 of its 135 UK stores.

Apart from the 20 it is looking at selling off, the United States group wants to downsize 31 branches – including sites at West Bromwich and Kidderminster – and relocate five stores.

The future of four of the sites has yet to be decided.

Staples, which opened its first UK store in Swansea in 1993, is reacting to the uncertain retail market and drop in consumer demand.

In May Staples announced an 11 per cent drop in sales across its European stores. Many of its stores are considered to be too large. The Merry Hill store spreads over 20,485sq ft.

The company said it was not commenting on the issue.

Cycling for cash

SIX STAFF from a law firm raised £3,000 through a 100-mile cycling challenge from Wolverhampton to Wales.

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Calling for meeting on fountain

CAMPAIGNERS calling for Dudley's historic fountain to be spruced up are hoping to set up a meeting with council bosses.

Dudley Market traders say the 19th century carved feature has become dirty due to mess left behind by birds which are roosting there.

The fountain is due to be refurbished as part of a wider £6million project to revamp the market place.

But plans for the scheme are still being drawn up so it is not yet known when work will start.

Chairman of Dudley Market Traders Association Len Lenihan raised his concerns with the council which has sent staff to clean it up.

But he said more should be done.

"We are hoping to arrange a meeting with the council about the fountain," Mr Lenihan said.

Dudley's regeneration chief Councillor Shaikat Ali has responded to their concerns by saying it was an "important monument" and should be returned to its former glory.

Councillor Ali said: "It's a historical monument and a central focus in the town which features in the redevelopment of the market place."

Fishing festival

ANGLERS will be heading to Bewdley for a three-day festival later this month.

It has been organised by Kidderminster and District Angling Association on July 23, 25 and 27. Call Jason Ford on 01299 404188.

Julie's masterstroke shows she can cut it with her art

WHEN Julie Tonkin ditched her desk job to paint narrowboats her friends warned her she was making a mistake. However, the 57-year-old has now proved to be so successful she is now passing on her skills and teaching classes in canal art.

Julie, who was a pupil at Sir Gilbert Cloughton School in Dudley says she didn't think she had an artistic bone in my body when she was a child. However, 10 years ago she discovered she had a steady enough hand to produce some colourful canal art pieces and she has even painted six narrowboats. Her work has been admired so much she is now a tutor at Leasowes Community College and also teaches groups at the Black Country Living Museum. She regularly has schools in the Black Country calling on her to take a lesson in canal art and she also teaches small groups in the workshop at the back of her home.

by Cathy Spencer

"For 23 years I worked as a development officer for a housing association and wore a suit and carried a briefcase - now my life couldn't be more different," she says.

"I didn't think I was artistic as a child and after leaving school I worked for Butlins in Clacton as an assistant dining hall manager.

"However, I missed the Black Country and so after a few years I came back and one day decided to do a course with Phil Speight, who is a famous narrowboat painter."

Julie loved the canals so much she moved, with her partner Philip Stone, from Blackheath to Cradley Heath, near the Southern end of the Netherton Tunnel on the canals.

After doing a course with Phil she spent six months at his boatyard in Wordsley learning how to paint and she qualified with the Waterways Craft Guild as a journeyman in decorative arts.

"One day I was doing a watercolour course at Leasowes Community College and I took in some of my canal art," she says.

"They liked it so much they asked if I would teach a course and I qualified with them as a tutor. I didn't see any point in carrying on with my office job and so I gave myself permission to resign.

"That night I didn't sleep and I worried about what I had done. I did feel like I was taking a big leap of faith but I didn't need to worry as everything has worked out well."

In September she will be exhibiting her

canal art at Kidderminster Canal Festival, the Black Country Boating Festival and Tipton Carnival. While in October she will be at the Stourbridge Canal Festival.

Julie says there are certain rules that have to be obeyed when painting canal art.

"The castle pictures must have water, a bridge and a yacht and the roses have to be painted with gypsy brushstrokes," she says.

"The Romany gypsies would have copied what they saw and there is a big Eastern European influence."

Canal artists learn from the great masters, such as Frank Nurser and his apprentices, as well from each other but Julie says she has her own trademark.

Trademarks

"The Waterways Craft Guild has an AGM in November when we take along items we have painted and learn from each other," she says.

"We do have trademarks though - I do a Julie rose, which I have developed and no one but me can paint it. The principal petal is very deep and you can tell someone's signature so when I look at a piece of work I know which artist has painted it."

Julie, who sells a lot of her items on ebay, works with enamel paints and says one of her more unusual jobs was had to put roses and castles around the bar of The Navigation pub on the Birmingham New Road.



Canal artist Julie Tonkin, of Fieldfare Close, Cradley, with some of her work

NEWS in brief

Thieves steal a solid stone bench

ASTONE bench, weighing around a quarter of a ton, has been stolen from outside a Midlands landscaping business.

Staff believe thieves must have used a crane to take the £400 bench from Hardwick's Landscape Centre, Wolverley, near Kidderminster.

Detectives have launched an investigation into the theft from the centre, in Wolverley Road.

Pc Tom Court, of West Merica Police, said: "Staff at the centre suggested that it would have taken at least three people to lift."

High Streets will share £100,000

HIGH streets in Tipton and Rowley Regis are among six to have been awarded a share of £100,000.

Markets could be cleaned up, floral displays planted or street entertainment held to improve town centres and bosses are confident the cash will bring in shoppers.

The money has been given to Sandwell Council and will go towards boosting the high streets in the borough's six towns.

Nearly new books on sale at church

A NEARLY-NEW book sale will take place at a church on July 9 at 9.45am.

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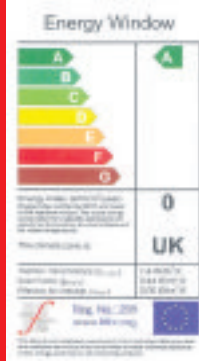
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Thief facing jail stocked up on drugs to use inside

A PROLIFIC thief from Stourbridge who was facing being recalled to prison has been jailed for 20 months after he tried to stock up on drugs and smuggle them hidden in his clothing.

Shane Cartwright had been warned he was about to be recalled to jail after breaking the rules of his early release from a three-and-a-half year sentence for burglary, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

So the 30-year-old from Kingsway, Wollaston, prepared by stocking up on drugs for himself to use while inside, said prosecutor Anthony Warner.

A strip search revealed £150 of heroin in a Kinder egg found in a pocket of his clothing while a further £10 heroin wrap and methadone valued at £30 was discovered concealed on his body, the court was told.

Mr Warner said: "He knew what was going to happen because a probation officer had alerted him after he failed to keep appointments."

The drugs were found during a search at a police station before his transfer to Hewell Prison near Redditch.

Cartwright, who had two cautions for drug possession, admitted attempting to bring heroin and other drugs into the jail on September 5 on the basis that they were for his own use.

Miss Samantha Powis, defending, said: "It was not going to be taken in as currency or anything else save to get him through what he knew would be a difficult time."

Trees are to be removed

TWO trees in Dudley will be chopped down after a resident complained about bird mess and honey dew falling on her car.

Resident Donna Marandola, of Gibbons Hill Road, got approval to fell the two lime trees outside her home from members of Dudley Council's development control committee. Councillors went against their planning officer's recommendation with the condition the trees be replaced.

Football medal returned



Former Manchester United footballer Steve James shows his lost medal to pupils at Buildwas Primary School. Back from left Joseph Hodnett, aged nine, Daniel Searle, 10, Eden Duval-Willets and Jasper Roberts, both 11. Front from left, Adam Young, 10, Charlie Woodward, nine and Kian Garbett, nine



The medal that was lost for 25 years

A FORMER Manchester United footballer from Stourbridge has spoken of his delight at being reunited with a medal he has not seen for 25 years.

Steve James was presented with the Division Two championship medal by Buildwas Primary School, Shropshire, after teachers

found it during a clear-out. The 62-year-old, who won the medal almost 40 years ago, said he was overjoyed. The former central defender said he was dumbfounded as to how the medal from the 1974-75 season made it to the school.

Mr James now works for Waitrose in Stourbridge.

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Wonderful care from hospital

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Numerous consultants, doctors, nurses and ancillary staff were involved in his care and we cannot

express our gratitude and admiration for their compassion and skill, professionalism and dedication to their task.

Our son's care as he was moved between wards was seamless, and every new care team were totally prepared to continue meeting his needs without delay.

We, his parents were looked after extremely well and were continually informed about his diagnosis, ongoing care and potential outcomes.

We could not have expected more from the team throughout Russells

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When are we going to get our say PM?

I WOKE up this morning to something I had given up hope of.

I saw David Cameron on TV saying the words that the people of these islands deserve a say in their future through a referendum.

I had to pinch myself to make sure I wasn't dreaming, surely Mr Cameron wasn't being fair and democratic about our future in or out of the EU?

Then I realised he was talking about the Falkland Islands and their freedom from Argentina. I support the democratic rights of the islands and fondly look forward to the day that the rest of us get a say in the future of our own islands.

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Bookmaking is an honourable trade

AFTER reading Laura Blyth's report on the High Street in Wolverhampton, I feel I must speak out in defence of the bookmaking industry.

Firstly the word "bookie" in my opinion is a derogatory term. Most punters who visit these establishments refer to them as betting shops, and the bookmaking industry today is a highly sophisticated business and totally honourable.

Henry Carver's off the cuff suggestion that there are more betting shops in Harrow than Wolverhampton is incorrect.

Is Mr Carver trying to imply the people of Wolverhampton are less intelligent and more likely to gamble than the residents of Harrow?

There are of course compulsive gamblers who have an addiction whether they are winning or losing but most people are sensible and only invest what they can afford to lose and do it on a recreational basis in the same way as visiting a public house for a drink.

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Mystery of Harrier and the Olympics

IN A recent conversation with our two grandsons (who wanted to see the Olympic Torch pass through the town where they live), they asked if we could remember the last time that the Games were held in the UK in 1948.

As we were both very young we could not remember the games, but my father used to work with Jack Holden, Tipton Harriers.

As children, we (my two brothers and I) used to "race" Jack when he passed our house on his training runs along Bloomfield Road.

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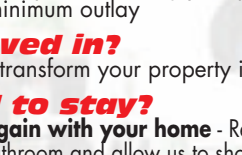
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Heathens have eyes on site in mosque battle

CALLS have been made for a new speedway and football stadium to be built on the site of a derelict factory near a main route through Dudley.

The Hall Street site off Dudley Southern Bypass has been earmarked for a controversial £6 million mosque. But with the planning dispute showing no signs of being resolved, further ideas for the land have been raised by councillors.

Dudley Heathens speedway club and Gornal Athletic FC remain in talks with Dudley Council over possible locations for a new stadium.

Officials from both clubs have earmarked Castle Hill as a possible location although they say they are open to alternative ideas.

Conservative Councillor Patrick Harley, who is group spokesman on transport, said: "A first class stadium for sport in the borough is important and the council will be missing a great opportunity to put Dudley borough on the map," he said.

"There is the opportunity here for the council to finally realise that ambition."

Councillor Harley says the natural landscape would mean noise would not carry to residents' homes and provision would have to be made for car parking limited to staff on site.

Chairman of Dudley Heathens, formerly known as Cradley Heathens, Nigel Pearson said he welcomed further suggestions on a possible location for the new stadium.

"It is a very interesting idea. I'm more than happy to discuss any opportunity and possible locations," he said. "There has been dialogue with Dudley Council and I'm extremely hopeful that talks will continue."

Gas work to shut street

A ONE-WAY street in Stourbridge will close for a month for gas pipe replacement works.

A diversion will be set up when Gladstone Road, in Wollaston, closes from next Monday until August 3.

It will close from High Park Avenue to Bridgnorth Road.

Recession-busting brides



Debbie Porter from Bridal Secrets in Kingswinford tries on a dress

Brides are turning into second hand Roses as the recession bites – and one Dudley shop has launched a new line in used dresses as they tighten their belts.

Bridal Secrets, Market Street, Kingswinford, has so far stocked up on about 30 used frocks – most worn just once but a couple from weddings that were called off so never got their star turn down the aisle.

Joyce Alexander, owner of Bridal Secrets, said: "In this day and age, girls still want a big wedding – but they can't afford the big prices. We

think our new dresses are reasonable anyway at between £399 and £1,000 each. But we were still getting customers saying they couldn't afford that in the current economic climate and were looking at spending between £150 and £300."

Joyce, a 59-year-old mother-of-three and grandmother-of-10, who lives in Walsall, put an advert in the shop window – and, within a week, the second hand department had 10 frocks.

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Ann's transformation

ANN flashes an engaging smile and declares confidently: "I'm looking to join a choir – I love singing."

The retired general nurse, midwife and public health worker from the Midlands, continues: "It's one of the things I want to do again, having been involved in a Finding the Voice course."

"It's such a joyous pastime and what's more, it gives me pleasure while hopefully putting something back into life for others." It is hard to imagine Ann shying away from anything – a consummate, articulate professional, who embraces life and opportunity with an infectious enthusiasm.

But trouble with her teeth began to erode her positive approach and she admits her self-image took a dive. I became too self-conscious of my teeth."

She adds: "Family get-togethers over meals became awkward for me because my teeth were not functional, but it was at my mother's 90th birthday party it really came home to me. 'What's the matter with your teeth?'

"She said 'they're all misshapen'. It was true.

"My mother said what no-one else would say. It's true also, teeth can be life-damaging," Ann, who once worked in Australia before meeting her husband and returning to the UK, had suffered periodontal (gum) disease of her top crown.

Some teeth had become loose and twisted while other, more mobile teeth, had to be extracted. Her sister was a patient with Wolverhampton implantologist Jonathon Pugh BDS MSc, principal dentist at Parkdale Dental Clinic on Tettenhall Road, and she persuaded her to have a consultation with him.

Mr Pugh recalls: "Sadly, by this time,

Ann's gum disease was aggressive and far too advanced so we didn't have the option to treat her gum disease. We had to extract all of her upper teeth and then place four implants to support an implant-retained denture."

Ann's case was then referred to Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS (Eng) of the Denture Clinic, which is also

A WORKING union between two dental professionals is helping to bring about life-changing outcomes. Retired health professional Ann was one of their patients. Read why now she's finding a new harmony in life.

My teeth look and feel just like my own. I cannot speak highly enough of both clinics which provided excellent treatment for me



based at the Parkdale practice, and he prescribed and made the prosthetic. Mr Burchell, who also has a clinic in North Street, Dudley, says: "With the implant-retained top denture we could guarantee stabilisation, giving Ann the smile she wanted and excellent functionality too."

Ann, a volunteer support worker at a

hospice, adds: "I cannot speak highly enough of both clinics which provided excellent treatment for me."

"My implant-retained dentures have made a great improvement to my appearance and wellbeing."

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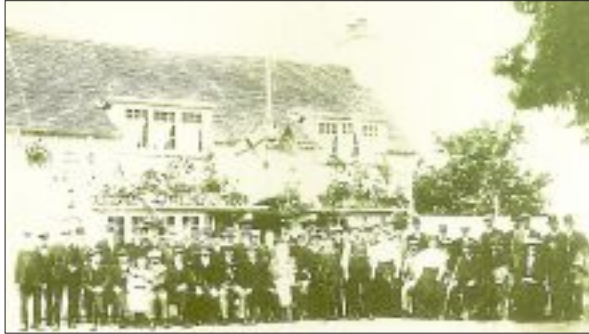


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The lost village that lies in centre of an industrial city

IN THE heart of Wolverhampton is a huge green area, the extent of which is largely unknown to the people of the city, because it is split into three by canals and railways.

There is Dunstall Park racecourse, opposite a former small holding alongside Oxley Sidings, beyond which is Oxley Park golf course. On the other side of are the fields by Aldersley Stadium.

At the heart of this peaceful green valley are the remains of a lost village, Aldersley. Lost because of its remoteness, its remoteness at the heart of a city.

In 1772 James Brindley opened the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Navigations (S&WCN), the first major east west transport in England, and at what was then called Atherley Junction, it was linked to the Birmingham Canal Navigations (BCN), which rose through 21 locks to the heart of Wolver-



by Alec Brew

hampton, and then beyond to all areas of the Black Country.

At the junction, a village was built for canal workers. There was a large house on one corner for the BCN lock-keeper's cottage and office, behind which was a warehouse.

On the other corner was a toll house and a terrace of four cottages for S&WCN workers. These had cellar stables for narrowboat horses, which is why the bridge over the S&W canal had arches on both sides.

Five years later this junction became even more important with the opening of the Trent & Mersey canal, half a mile away, at a junction which took the name Atherley, the original becoming Aldersley.

For a while, Aldersley was one of the most important transport links in the world, taking the coal and industrial products of the Black Country to the east and west coast, and from there to the world. Surrounding this village

was largely rural, with the Dunstall Park and Oxley Manor estates on one side of the valley, and Aldersley Farm on the other.

A 17th century farmhouse stood roughly where the entrance to Aldersley Stadium lies today, and there were a few cottages.

Blakeley Green House stood, as it does today, just over the hill.

Across a couple of fields, on the Codsall Road were a row of cottages, which still stand, and Ye Olde Fieldhouse next door, where the Claregate Pub stands today.

In the 19th century, the railways cut through the area, and industrial buildings spread along the Stafford Road, so the Dunstall Park and Oxley Manor estates were sold to become racecourse and golf course.

Fred Picken was still farming at Aldersley Farm until it was purchased by the council and Aldersley Stadium built in the 1950s.

The canal junction is now a peaceful place, only leisure boats passing by. Standing by the lost village of Aldersley, as herons swoop overhead, it's hard to imagine you are surrounded by a large industrial city.



The terrace of four cottages on the Oxley Manor corner



The cottage alongside Blakeley Green House, which just survived demolition recently

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Drama groups lining up for new £2.1m arts site

Garden scheme blooms



Front, left then clockwise, Gary Cook, Brett Timmins, Wendy Bourne, Jane Mott, Neil Whitehouse, Ian Dawes, Mick Poultny, allotment chairman, John Taylor and Paul Kendrick at the Abbey Road Allotments GARDENERS in the Black Country have opened an allotment scheme for disabled children and adults.

Gardeners at Abbey Road Allotments Society, Halesowen have cut the ribbon to the two new plots, one for the walking disabled and one for wheelchair users.

The scheme was made possible thanks to £21,000 of funding from groups including Awards For All, the Co-Operative and Dudley Area

Committee. Abbey Road Allotments Society chairman, Mick Poultny, praised fellow members and financial backers for making the idea happen.

The allotments, unlike any others in the area, uses raised beds so gardeners do not have to bend over when planting and picking vegetables. Mr Poultny, aged 57, said: "I'm so happy this has finally come together."

DRAMA groups are lining up for a place in a £2.1million arts centre being built in Stourbridge as work nears completion.

The former glasshouse, which was part of the Royal Doulton factory in Amblecote, is being transformed into a venue for training, arts exhibitions, events, and will have rooms to hire.

It is already proving popular with enquiries and bookings flooding in from interested groups.

The Glasshouse Arts Centre shares the same site as the Ruskin Glass Centre and has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Arts Council.

The venue will be used for art exhibitions and events and will also provide training and apprenticeship opportunities for future glassmakers.

Work to refurbish the old glasshouse began in March and is due to finish in time for the International Festival of Glass in August.

A 400-seat auditorium has been built and the existing Lehr theatre is being revamped with improved sound and lighting equipment to cater for an audience of 80 visitors.

Ruskin Glass Centre manager Leigh White said: "Enquiries and bookings are already coming in to hire the space for regular rehearsals by local drama groups to conferencing and hospitality bookings."

It is the second phase of the Glasshouse Redevelopment Project and follows the redevelopment of some of the old factory buildings to create the Ruskin Glass Centre. The work cost £1.5m, and was completed around three years ago with funding from Advantage West Midlands.

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Model society milestone

A MODEL railway society is marking its 50th anniversary with an open weekend.

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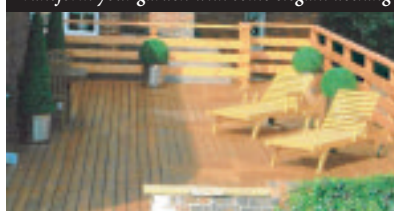
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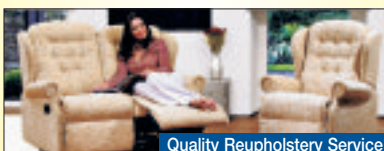


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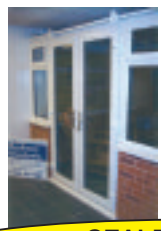
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Council try to trace empty shops' owners

COUNCIL chiefs have hit a snag in their attempts to get a row of empty shops back into use after the owner of the units died.

Four of the six units in Sandringham Way, Wordsley, are unused and Dudley Council says it is working to get them re-opened. But they are now trying to track down the new owners before any work can be done. Residents and ward councillors have complained the shops are an eyesore.

A report by John Millar, director of the urban environment, says: "Upon receipt of a complaint from a member of the public in April 2012 about the condition of one of the shop front windows the council's engineers arranged for the boarding of one of the shop windows in order to make it safe. While the retail units remain vacant, officers will continue to monitor their condition in case it worsens." The report adds: "It is understood the site is in single ownership and unfortunately the owner has recently passed away."

Young actors land dream TV roles



Jordyn Eve Davis-Greene, 12, and Gregory Piper, 14



Gregory with one of the show's stars Vicky McClure



Filming taking place for the series on BBC

A PAIR of young Dudley actors have landed a dream part in a new TV police drama starring Neil Morrissey.

Gregory Piper, aged 14, and Jordyn-Eve Davis-Greene, 12, have roles in the five-part BBC2 show Line of Duty.

Written and produced by the creator of Bodies and Cardiac Arrest, Jed Mercurio, the series, based on a mistaken police shooting, starts on BBC Two at 9pm.

Windsor High pupil Gregory, of Haden Close, Dudley, plays Ryan Pilkington, a troubled youngster who gets caught up in the action.

He will appear at the centre of a major storyline when he takes a character hostage. His fellow drama school pupil Jordyn-Eve, of Whittington Road in Stourbridge, plays Natalie Tate, the daughter of a corrupt detective inspector played by Lennie James.

This was the pair's first audition and they are both looking forward to appearing on television for the first time. Gregory said: "It was quite scary having to audition in front of a room full of people. I've done school plays before but nothing like this."

Jordyn-Eve said: "When they called me and told me I had got the part it was one of the happiest moments of my life. I was very nervous but the camera crew were all really nice and made me feel more relaxed." The show also stars Vicky McClure, who found fame in This is England.

Gregory and Jordyn-Eve both attend the group Drama workshop, run by Esther Stanford, 33, and based at Chawn Hill Church in Stourbridge.

Miss Stanford said: "This is going to be a huge show and it's a fantastic opportunity for them both."

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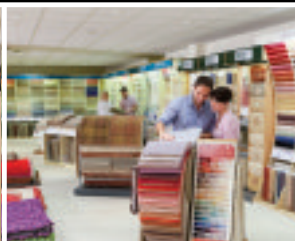
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Grant bid will go in to fund chapel resoration

A BID for thousands of pounds of lottery cash to restore a Grade II listed chapel in Stourbridge will be submitted to heritage chiefs in August.

The plans to open the Lye and Wollescote Cemetery Chapels, which have not been used since 1993, have been in the pipeline for many years.

David Trevis-Smith, of the West Midlands Historic Buildings Preservation Trust, said an application for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund is now being drawn up to make the plans a reality.

The group is also looking at possible future uses for the building which offers tours throughout the year and holds an annual Heritage Open Day event.

It is hoping the latest bid is more successful as one submitted for £500,000 was turned down by lottery chiefs, because of a shortage of cash.

The HLF said it recognised the significance of the chapel but it did not have the funds available to support the project. Mr Trevis-Smith said the preservation trust was still evaluating the cost of the scheme.

"We are looking to submit the application to the Heritage Lottery Fund in August," he said.

The cemetery at the site is still used but the two chapels, at opposite ends of the building are no longer used.

The Nonconformist chapel was closed in the 1970s and the Church of England chapel closed following a fire in 1993 which caused minor damage to the inside of the building.

The West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust is a charity dedicated to the conservation of buildings.

Choir will stage concert

A MALE choir concert will take place in Tipton later this month.

Cannock Chase Orpheus Male Choir will perform at Tipton Green Methodist Church, in Park Lane West, on July 14 at 7.30pm. Proceeds will go into church funds. Tickets are available by calling 01384 213474.

Sounds of the shows



Vic Beddoes and Jeanette Greenway from Startime Variety

MUSICIANS and singers from Halesowen are going to perform songs from popular musicals for a cabaret.

Members of Startime Variety will present their Startime Summer Cabaret from July 5 to 7.

The production has been put together by Beth Hemmings and Jodie Rock who have previously won awards for their performances.

The show features songs from Wicked, Les Miserables, Jekyll and

Hyde, and Hairspray. Performances take place at Lutley Community Centre, Halesowen. Nursery nurse Beth, aged 24, played comic character Silly Billy in the group's pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk in January.

Meanwhile Jodie has been a member of the group for 16 years and in November was presented with an award for her contribution. Tickets cost £10 and are available from 07901 055685.

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Inquest on worker, 42

A WORKER who died after being crushed between two vehicles at a Pensnett recycling yard has been named as Mark Peter Shore.

The 42-year-old, of Zaria Court, Wordsley, was working as a driver at R Davies Metals in Smithy Lane when the accident happened at 4.50am on June 19.

Deputy Black Country Coroner Andrew Thompson opened and adjourned Mr Shore's inquest at Smethwick Coroner's Office.

Neighbours have paid tribute to Mr Shore.

The Health and Safety Executive is investigating.

Council wins legal spat

DUDLEY Council has won a legal battle with the Government over an alleged funding gap of more than £9 million in a school IT contract.

The council took Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Eric Pickles, to the High Court over the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) used to pay for the £50m Dudley Grid Learning Scheme in 1999.

The PFI initiative meant the IT contract would have been paid off over many decades through Government grants. But officials wrote to the council last year telling them

it was changing the way grants would be provided, resulting in what the council says is a shortfall of more than £9m.

Top judge Mr Justice Singh ruled that government's decision was "unlawful" because the council was not properly consulted before the changes were made.

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He ordered that a fresh consultation be carried out, and suggested the Government and the council get around the table in a bid to resolve the dispute.

The court heard the £51.5m contract was made to provide IT facilities in schools throughout the

borough, with the money due to be paid off long after the 10-year agreement had run its course.

Until last year, the Government's grant to the council to pay off the contract was paid on a "declining balance" basis.

However, following the election of the coalition Government, the council was informed that this would be changed to an "annuity" basis.

The Government expressed concern that grants would have to be paid "in theory ad infinitum due to the reducing nature of the annual declining balance payments".

£7m medical centre is heading for early finish

A NEW £7 million medical centre is taking shape next to Kidderminster Hospital – with just three months until it is due to open.

The building, between Sutton Road and Hume Street, will house a pharmacy, physiotherapy unit and offices and will see two doctors' surgeries move on to one site.

The 100,000 sq ft development stands on the site of the nine-storey Brook House, once used as nurses' accommodation, which was torn down to make way for the new centre.

The hospital mortuary, radio building, oxygen store and two semi-detached houses fronting Hume Street were also

demolished for the project. Work started on the new Hume Street Medical Centre last autumn.

Aylmer Lodge and Northumberland House GP surgeries will move into the centre as both have outgrown their present premises.

A three-storey car park is included in the design and will provide 132 parking spaces.

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Town's people demand answers on health site

MORE THAN 200 people packed into a public meeting as residents demanded answers over the £4 million plan to move a medical practice out of Bewdley town centre.

Fears for the future of stores in the town in the wake of the centre's move were among those aired at a public meeting.

They also voiced concerns over diminishing health services in the town coupled with possible cutbacks at Kidderminster Hospital being proposed. It was standing room only for many people at the meeting.

Representatives from Bewdley Medical Centre, Wyre Forest District Council and the developers were at the public meeting.

Under proposals the present Dog Lane centre would shut with all services moved to a site near All Saints Church, off Kidderminster Road, Wribbenhall. It was revealed the plans, which have been in development for six years, have already cost the developers Matrix Medical around £200,000.

Bewdley Civic Society had helped collect a 2,000-strong petition prior to the meeting at Bewdley School and Sixth Form, demanding the centre stay in the town.

Bewdley town councillor Louise Edginton, 82, said: "If the centre goes it will rip the heart out of Bewdley, the shops will simply close. I'm not happy with what I've heard."

Consultant Alistair Blake, representing the developers and the practice, told the meeting all options would be explored.

He added a decision on whether to proceed with the development must be taken by next Spring.

Scheme for apprentices

A GRANT scheme to support local businesses to take on apprentices is being launched in Wyre Forest. The district council has allocated £50,000 for a special fund and firms will be able to apply for up to £5,000 to help fund training.

The announcement of the scheme follows the council's ReWyre State of the Area debate held earlier this year.

Rebuilding anniversary



Alan and Jean Carter celebrate 20 years since they restored the cottage with volunteers Pauline Huntstone, Christopher Hall, Joan Griffin and Brenda Gerrard

VOLUNTEERS who helped to rebuild a cottage at the Black Country Living Museum brick by brick have celebrated its 20th anniversary. June 2012 marks two decades since Pitts Cottage was brought to the site after being dismantled in Bilston. It had been falling down but the group worked hard to restore it. The Dudley museum invited those involved in the rebuild, fitting out and manning of the cottage to get together to mark the anniversary. More than 100 people attended the event, including about 40 of the volunteers.

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Waste firm's concern on safety while reducing tip

Good dray for deliveries



David Craddock and horse Dotty deliver ale from the Duke William pub A BREWERY in Dudley has revived an tradition of making horse-drawn deliveries.

Residents lined the streets to see Dotty the dray horse pull six firkins of beer from the Duke William in Stourbridge. The ale made a half-hour journey from the Coventry Street pub to The Plough in Worcester Street. David Craddock, who runs the Duke and the Craddock's brewery on the site, organises the

delivery every Sunday lunchtime. He bought the horse last year and had the dray specially made to remind people of the brewing industry's history. He said: "We get quite a few regulars who come along to watch and they seem to enjoy it. "When we get to The Plough we stand there for about an hour and talk to people and answer any questions. We thought it would be nice to keep the old traditions alive."

WORKERS' lives would have been put at risk if heavy machinery was brought in to lower a towering mound of rubbish in Dudley, a court was told.

Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) Ltd is complying with a High Court order to lower the pile at its plant in Moor Street, which was once 40ft high, by digging and removing the waste in stages. But the firm told a court it had consulted health and safety experts who said it would not have been safe to put machinery on to the top of the pile to reduce its size more quickly.

RDF Ltd has lodged an appeal against a notice served by the Environment Agency requiring the removal of waste and baled waste from areas alleged not to be within the permitted area.

The appeal went before Dudley Magistrates Court last week with the case adjourned until after a High Court hearing in October.

A progress report including measurements of the height of the pile will be made at the October hearing. A decision on whether the appeals process will continue will be taken by magistrates after this date.

Mr Michael Davies, representing RDF, told the court: "The company would not have put lives at risk and wanted to ensure the rubbish pile was handled in the correct and proper way." He said the pile of rubbish had been there before RDF took over the site around two years ago. In a statement after the court proceedings, Mr Davies said: "My client company had always been prepared to work with the Environment Agency and to reduce the stockpile."

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Cheryl on light track Farmers' market comes back to give town boost

Cheryl – A Million Lights
THE Girls Aloud singer turned super-celeb doesn't need a surname anymore, like Madonna or Beyonce or a superstar footballer.

On her third album she doesn't push her vocals, keeping them midrange on a series of similar dancefloor orientated pop numbers with just the merest hint of trendy dubstep and a bigger dose of urban/R&B. It's all in the Rihanna, Madonna, Britney ballpark. Screw You is bound to excite speculation (hmm, who's that about?) whilst Sexy Den A Mutha is catchy enough to deliver her a big hit.

Cheryl is in concert at Birmingham LG Arena on October 12.

Linkin Park – Living Things
IT'S a balancing act for these Californian rockers on their fifth studio album, keeping the fans from the raw rap-rocking days alongside their less pierced and less hirsute new following who probably listen to Coldplay and Kasabian too.

The result is an album with plenty of muscle, an excellent vocal performance by Chester Bennington and several anthemic rockers, especially the outstanding Burn It Down. It would have been even better with a little more anger, a bit more edge.

Flo Rida – Wild Ones
THE American rapper has gained the Midas touch with his blend of catchy pop and dance tunes, so much so that this set sounds like a greatest hits package in waiting.

The urban sounds are derivative but deliver hooks aplenty and driving beats, enhanced by a judicious use of samples from soul greats



Cheryl back with a new album and a Birmingham gig

such as Freddie King and Etta James.

Good Feeling and Wild Ones, the latter a vehicle for the vocal talent of Sia, have already been international hits and the double entendre filled Whistle will make it three this summer.

The more laid back Let It Roll and In My Mind Part 2 (featuring an excellent guest vocal from Georgi Kay) are less frenetic. Sweet Spot will get plenty of attention thanks to a guest vocal from Jennifer Lopez and could that be Flo Rida (AKA

Tramar Dillard) showing a sensitive side on I Cry?

It's a bit cheeky referring to a ninth track as a bonus but it's a good one, Flo Rida, Audra Mae and Redfoo from LMFAO turning Bryan Adams' Run To You into a dance anthem called Run.

Maroon 5 – Overexposed
AN ironic title for the Los Angeles group's fourth studio album, seeing as Moves Like Jagger has become one of the best-selling singles of all time and frontman Adam Levine a

star judge on the US version of The Voice.

They started as a rock band but have become steadily poppier until they now make bright and brash ear candy achieved by collaborating with the folks who work with Britney Spears, Katy Perry and Beyonce. Hence certain hits like Payphone (with rapper Wiz Kalifa) and Lucky Strike.

Levine's 'ey-oh' vocals recall the 80s, in fact opener One More Night could have come from The Police or Men At Work back catalogue. But on the catchy Ladykiller he's more in a Michael Jackson mode. It's interesting how the sunny style of the songs often contrasts with bitter lyrics. Sounds like Adam wants to get even with some ladies.

And for those new to the band, the record company has tacked on a faithful version of Moves Like Jagger done in the studio for The Voice US and again featuring Christina Aguilera.

Sigur Ros – Valtari

ONE part Elbow to nine parts Pink Floyd, then chill to below zero, that's the recipe for Sigur Ros – Icelandic creators of hazy, elegant mood music.

On Valtari they take their symphonic sound to spiritual levels, way beyond the reach of most rock bands. This is especially apparent with the choral harmonies of what, in the absence of Icelandic letters on my keyboard, I shall have to refer to as track five.

This music has a slow bleak beauty which makes the fact that the lyrics are sung in Icelandic irrelevant. You don't so much listen to Valtari as dissolve into it.

Leon Burakowski

KIDDERMINSTER town centre will get a fresh boost with the revival of a farmers' market in August.

The Worcestershire Farmers' Market Group already operates in Bromsgrove, Droitwich, Malvern and Worcester.

It will set up stalls in Kidderminster on the second Friday of each month, starting on August 10.

"It's something to celebrate for Kidderminster, providing a draw for people to come into the town to buy fresh, local produce," said Henry Wormington, who co-ordinates the touring market.

"It's been a few years since Kidderminster had a farmers' market and it will be really good for other traders in the town, bringing more shoppers in."

"The produce on sale will be seasonal, meaning people can buy the freshest goods throughout the year," he added. The location for the market, which have up to 15 stalls, has not yet been decided but it will be either somewhere in High Street or nearby Vicar Street.

Produce on sale will include meat, fruit and vegetables, flowers, cheeses, baked goods and jams.

Bromsgrove farmer Mr Wormington said he hoped Kidderminster's Minster Brewery and Rosebank Vineyard, from near Droitwich, would be there.

Sunbank Orchard, of Kidderminster, will also have a stall. Wyre Forest District Council's town centre manager Peter Michael said attracting the farmers' market was part of a major drive to kick-start trade in Kidderminster.

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Studio sees success



Robbie Jury, of Stourbridge and Josh Hammond, of Kingswinford, celebrate Base Studios' milestone

A DUDLEY studio is marking a milestone after the number of live bands to perform there since its launch more than three years ago topped 3,000.

Base Studios in Rufford Road, Stourbridge, was launched to help local groups gain a footing in the music industry by having profes-

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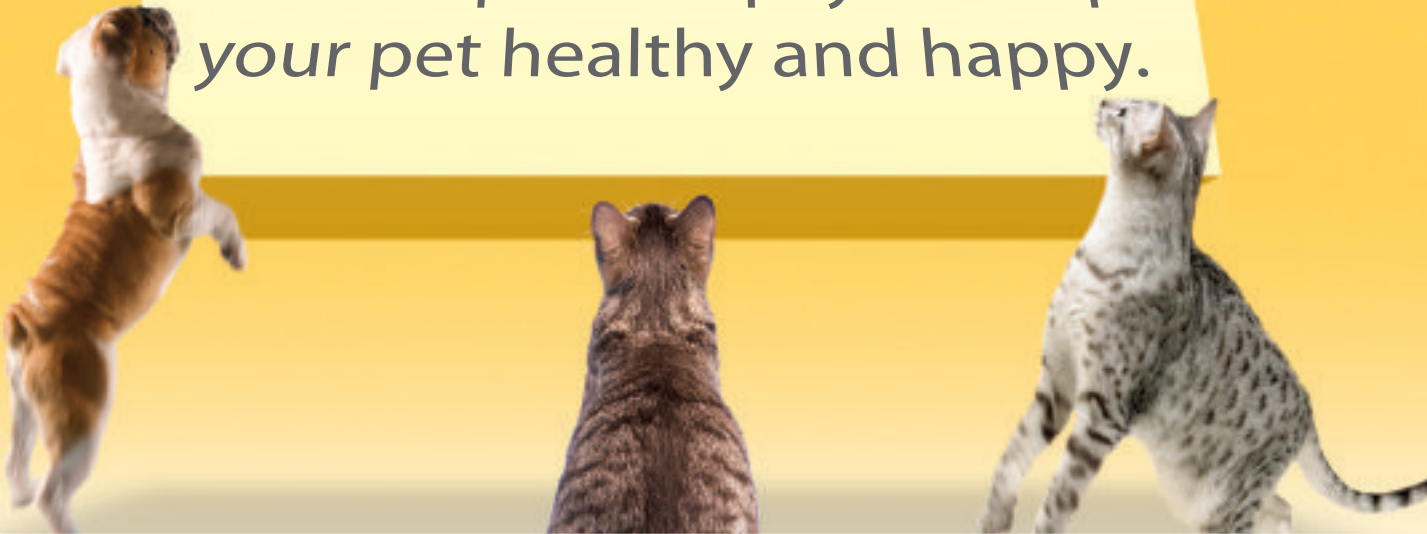
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CLUB NEWS

Party time as jubilee is marked

K'FORD TG

THE June meeting of Kingswinford TG took the form of a Jubilee celebration.

Chairman Enid Fennell complimented members on the imaginative way they had all managed to follow a red, white and blue theme in their attire.

The greetings card, which had been on display last month, had been duly dispatched.

After the necessary business had been completed and announcements of forthcoming federation events made, the party began.

First came the national anthem, sung with enthusiasm, but with no accompaniment. This was followed by everyone reading the officially approved Jubilee Grace. Strawberries and cream were consumed while Sheila Watt had baked a beautiful Jubilee cake. It was such a pity she was suddenly taken ill and was not able to be present to share it with us because it was really delicious.

Joan Harris proposed the loyal toast and evening continued with red, white and blue themed sales table.

There were eight raffle prizes and Mrs Fennell closed the meeting by thanking everyone who had helped in any way to make the evening a success.

The next meeting will be on July 9 with Graham Fisher talking about "The Jewels On The Cut".

Toast to Her Majesty at picnic fit for Queen



Members of Codsall M Townswomen celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

CODSALL 'M' TOWNSWOMEN

THE Village Hall was the venue for a special picnic organised by Codsall 'M' Townswomen's Guild in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Committee members hung flags, streamers and bunting around the hall and each table was laid with red, white and blue flowers and the Union flag with matching serviettes.

Members dressed in red, white and blue costumes and each brought their own food.

President Jean Boffey and vice president Norah Kelly judged the most patriotic outfits and Jill MacPhail and Sandra Med-

dings were the winners of a Jubilee lollipop. Next came a Royal quiz and one team of four ladies won Jubilee biscuits as their prizes.

A mammoth raffle was held with more than 20 prizes with proceeds going to the charities fund.

A Diamond Jubilee cake was cut and served with wine for a loyal toast and the meeting ended with the National Anthem and three rousing cheers for Her Majesty.

Commons invitation by MP

FRIENDS OF DUDLEY CASTLE

GROUP members enjoyed a visit to the Houses of Parliament at the invitation of Ian Austin MP. They were treated to a guided tour including the Jewel House.

The group meets monthly in the Castle Undercroft during the summer months

Jubilee summer social in the Castle Courtyard on July 11 at 7.15 for 7.30pm

The next coach outing is on September 8 to Fountains Abbey and Ripon and on September 1, the group will meet for a tour and talk at Weoley Castle.

and at the White House in Ednam Road during the winter and has a varied programme of speakers lined up. The next meeting is a

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Road chaos fears over bid for new Morrisons

Charity celebrates move



Volunteer Donna Beach, front, celebrating with staff Denise Mason, left, Diane Croxford, Sue Shrimpton, Beryl Cooper and Sharon Blake

A CHARITY in Dudley is celebrating after moving to larger premises, bringing all of its activities under one roof for the first time.

Dudley Foster Care Association has officially cut the ribbon on its new base in Peartree Lane with services operating there now.

It has been searching for larger premises after outgrowing its long-term headquarters in Kates Hill,

also Dudley. Members were delighted when they were approached by officials from Hulbert Properties offering them the site. The extra space will allow training for prospective foster carers along with sessions for existing carers. Trustee Sharon Blake said: "We are absolutely delighted with the new base. We desperately needed something larger."

NEIGHBOURS of a Morrisons supermarket in Dudley fear there could be chaos on the roads around the store should a proposed multi-million pound expansion go ahead.

Morrisons wants to demolish its existing store in Stallings Lane, Kingswinford and replace it with a 40,000 sq ft development, creating 70 jobs. But neighbours of the site are objecting.

They have written to Dudley Council to express their concern, saying traffic conditions in Stallings Lane are already "a major cause for concern".

"The increase in traffic a larger store would bring to these already overcrowded junctions would be totally unacceptable and would dramatically increase the number of accidents," stated one of the objectors.

Fears were also expressed that a larger supermarket would take trade away from smaller stores.

Richard Fellows, director of Adonis Construction in Ham Lane, said he wanted to know what traffic calming measures would be put in place to try to reduce the amount of queuing vehicles near the site.

The plans for the new store include a 407-space car park and a six-pump petrol station.

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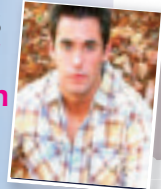
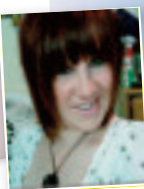


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55YR old male, slim, seeks lady, any age for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 391172

CHRIS 53, 5ft 8ins, slim-medium build, GSOH, affectionate, loving, loyal, likes music, walks, cooking looking for that special lady. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 391681 §

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BLACK male, 42, 5ft 7ins, average build, GSOH, seeks nice looking, slim-medium build female, 30-40 with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 386347

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STEVE 61, seeks attractive younger lady for meets. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396937

DAVE genuine guy, 6ft, black hair, blue eyes, medium build, likes sports, gardening, music, seeks female with GSOH and genuine. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 386372 §

GAY SINGLES

Town preparing for big glassmaking celebration

PREPARATIONS are gathering pace for an event celebrating the glassmaking history of a Black Country town.

The International Festival of Glass, in August, has attracted glassmakers from around the world.

The experts will be demonstrating, teaching and exhibiting at venues in Stourbridge including the Ruskin Glass Centre at Amblecote, Red House Glass Cone in Wordsley and Broadfield House Glass Museum in Kingswinford.

The spectacle, which will celebrate 400 years of glassmaking in Stourbridge and 50 years of studio glassmaking worldwide, will run over the August Bank Holiday weekend from August 24 to 27.

Ahead of the main event, a series of glassmaking classes will run from August 20 until August 23.

Techniques being taught will include furnace building, marble making, hot glass casting, extreme fusing and glass-blowing.

The main event will feature a series of exhibitions staged at venues across the Glass Quarter, including the prestigious British Glass Biennale which celebrates the best of British glassmaking.

Other exhibitions at the event will include 21st Century Engraved Glass, a national display of contemporary and traditional original glass engraving by members of the Guild of Glass Engravers.

Firm's £200m milestone

A DUDLEY business which designs and supplies equipment for the aluminium industry has celebrated with its staff since topping £200 million in orders.

Chris Emes and Andrew Riley took over Mechatherm International in High Street, Kingswinford, in 1991 from their fathers who started the business.

To celebrate the achievement all 65 employees were invited to a lunch at the Copthorne Hotel, Brierley Hill.

Chairman Mr Riley said they were well on course to achieve their target of achieving annual turnover of £25

million. The specialist furnaces and foundry equipment company, founded in 1973, mainly supplies the aluminium industry.

It has seen staff increase by about 10 in the last 12 months including seven graduates and apprentices.

Tremendous

Managing director Chris Emes said that achieving £200m was a tremendous achievement and one in which every employee had played a part. "Exports from the UK are down, but you can't accuse Mechatherm of that."

"We have got £32m of business on our books for this year, the next two years and a bit beyond."

"We are doing our bit to help

export the UK out of debt," he said.

Mr Emes said they were winning orders from the Middle East, Russia, India and Venezuela.

"An order from Taiwan had just put us over the £200m," he added. Mr Riley said Mechatherm had achieved turnover of £14m for the year to the end of February and by 2013-2014 that would reach £18m.

He said the biggest threat to Mechatherm was from the problems with the euro, but 60 per cent of Mechatherm's order book was now outside the European Union.

Mr Riley said they were going to continue with an investment programme, which includes £100,000 a year on information technology and one per cent of turnover on training.

Music time from hotel

A KIDDERMINSTER hotel will be staging a musical showcase for the sound of the organ later this month.

The Association of Organ Enthusiasts will host the event, from July 9 until July 12 at Mercure Kidderminster Hotel in Habberley Road.

It features concerts of popular music performed by organ and keyboard players including Nicholas Martin, Byron Jones, Ian Griffin, Kevin Morgan, Mark Thompson, David Ingle, Brett Wales and Ben Scott-Hyde.

Day tickets cost £5. Call 01384 274500.

Roy passes on the secret of success



Businessman Roy Richardson, who developed Merry Hill Shopping Centre, handed out footballs to the children at Brockmoor Primary School

BUSINESSMAN Roy Richardson, famed for developing the Merry Hill Shopping Centre, took time out to pass on his tips for success to schoolchildren.

Mr Richardson, who with his brother Don developed the retail complex and nearby Waterfront, visited Year Six pupils at Brockmoor Primary School.

His visit came during the school's careers week to inspire the next generation of budding entrepreneurs.

Tales of how the Merry Hill Centre was built, life growing up in the Harts Hill area of Brierley Hill and his advice on future careers were all touched on during his talk recently.

He took along gifts for the children including footballs, St George Flag badges and woolly hats.

"It has been great to come down and speak to the children. I was born not far from here and I think that we have to put something back in our communities," he said.

999 crews are beating targets

BOSSES at West Midlands Ambulance Service say an ongoing multi-million pound shake-up of the service will strengthen its position as the best in the country.

Their pledge comes as new figures reveal the regional ambulance service again exceeded Government targets to reach 75 per cent of life-threatening calls within eight minutes.

The figures show the service reached 76.3 per cent of the incidents within the set time during 2011/12.

The statistics come as the service is half-way through a £9 million scheme which will transform the way it responds to emergency calls. Under the Make Ready plan two hubs and 28 community ambulance stations will replace the existing model of 13 traditional ambulance stations.

Director of service delivery Barry Thurston, said: "We believe we are the best performing ambulance service in the country and this new scheme will maintain our position."

"Along with the training of staff in new skills, we believe we can give a better response time and better clinical outcomes to our patients under the scheme."

The ambulance service has already closed and put up for sale many of its traditional stations and replaced them with the smaller community stations. The stations will be served by two hubs, one now open in Dudley and one being built in Willenhall. Ambulance crews will pick up their vehicles at the start of their shift and head to their community stations where they will respond to 999 calls.

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Ballet gets Olympic spirit

Summer Celebration, Birmingham Royal Ballet, Birmingham Hippodrome

MUSCULAR and frenetic ballet Faster got a warm reception at its world premiere last week but no standing ovation for its choreographer, Birmingham Royal Ballet director David Bintley.

As this one-act ballet celebrates the Olympic spirit and eye-on-the-prize determination, that felt more like a silver than gold medal performance. Olympic bureaucrats had already soured matters by refusing permission for the 35-minute work to be named Faster, Higher Stronger. The International Olympic Committee belatedly ruled that the Olympic motto could not be used.

Power

Bintley's work celebrates physical power and pursuit of excellence in sport, reflected in the fitness and pursuit of perfection in ballet. His choreography mirrored the disciplines of track and field, even synchronised swimming, rugby and fencing and, to amusing effect, race walking. But Matthew Hindson's clattering disaster movie-like score was deafeningly dramatic.

The triple bill also featured The Grand Tour, a 1930s voyage with such celebrities as Noel Coward. Joy Layon's choreography was amusing, particularly with dancers puffing from cigarette holders. Frederick Ashton's The Dream was magical, and as Bottom Jonathan Caguioa danced 'en pointe', a real hoover!

Leon Burakowski

Summer romance as show offers the time of your life

DIRTY Dancing became the soundtrack to a generation when Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey brought their onscreen magic to the hit 1987 American movie.

Their coming-of-age romantic drama told the story of a girl's relationship with her dance instructor, who she met during a summer holiday.

Starring a young Patrick Swayze as dancer Johnny Castle and then unknown actress Jennifer Grey as Frances 'Baby' Houseman, the film was a love story that spans the class divide and had young girls lusting after the hunky male star with the sexy moves.

Now the story is being retold on stage in a production that opened at Birmingham Hippodrome last night (Wednesday) and will run throughout the summer, until August 25.

All that jazz across the city

THE 28th Birmingham International Jazz and Blues Festival starts tomorrow (Friday), offering 170 performances at 70 venues in and around the city over 10 days – and most gigs are free admission.

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Special events this year include free jitterbug dance lessons at Star City and a reggae night at Edgbaston's Botanical Gardens with Musical Youth (Sunday). See birminghamjazzfestival.com

Baby

The production features hit songs, including Hungry Eyes, Hey Baby, Do You Love Me? and I've Had The Time Of My Life.

Californian star Jill Winternitz, who plays the lead role of Baby, said: "The run in Birmingham will last for eight weeks. We're very excited." Paul-Michael Jones, who plays Johnny, added: "We've been doing it for nearly a year and the audience responses have been electric."

Another major musical opens in Birmingham next week when 1930s-set show 42nd Street starts a five-day run at the New Alexandra Theatre on Tuesday, July 10, with Marti Webb.



He will not be putting Baby in a corner – Paul Michael Jones and Jill Winternitz in the musical Dirty Dancing

Movie star on red carpet

HOLLYWOOD star Danny DeVito will be treading the red carpet in Birmingham later this month, along with members of the US and Jamaica Olympic squads, at the premiere of new 3D animated movie Dr Seuss' The Lorax.

Cineworld on Broad Street will be hosting the prestigious screening of the major new family movie on the morning of Sunday, July 22. DeVito voices the title character in the film made by the same team behind hit film Despicable Me.

The Olympic athletes are based in the city to prepare for London 2012. Dr Seuss' The Lorax is released on July 27. Men In Black star Will Smith brought Broad Street to a halt when he visited the same cinema in 2005.

Grave humour to start summer play season

The Cemetery Club, Wolverhampton Grand

IT WAS an excellent start to Ian Dickens' Summer Play Season at the Grand Theatre last week with Ivan Menchell's The Cemetery Club, first of four productions.

As the title would suggest this is a black comedy and surrounds the lives of three widows who meet on a regular basis to visit their husbands' graves. But there is much more to this play than that. It's a moving and extremely witty production which takes the audience on a rollercoaster ride of emotions, from unexpected laugh-out-loud moments to the heart-wrenching feelings caused by the loss of loved ones, and played to perfection by an all-star cast.

Rapport

There is a completely natural rapport between the three actresses in the leading roles, which only comes from extensive experience and pure talent. Anita Harris skilfully takes the character of Ida, a widow struggling with the frustration of moving on with her life and allows you to feel every disappointment she faces. Shirley-Anne Field is wonderfully flirty and exceptionally glamorous as man-eater Lucille, while ex-Neighbours star Anne Charleston simply lives her role as Doris, who just cannot let go of the past.

Although a little long-winded, the surprising ending makes it extremely watchable. The Cemetery Club is without doubt a snapshot of real life and the heartaches we face in our twilight years.

Alison Norton

The season continues this week with political thriller Dead Ringer (to Saturday) and Melvyn Hayes growing old disgracefully in Ron Aldridge's comedy You're Only Young Twice (July 10 to 14). Then former Doctor Who Colin Baker plays a grumpy old man who refuses to leave his home in new comedy The Final Test, the first play by author Chris Paling (July 17-21).

Epic vision of the future

New books
2312 – Kim Stanley
Robinson (Orbit)

FROM its opening description of mankind's colony on Mercury, a city that crawls on rails across the planet's darkside to avoid the burning intensity of the sun, this bold vision of the far-flung future is gripping.

Many humans have left the Earth for the planets and moons of the solar system. But the politics and terrorism of Earth still dogs them. At 560 pages this is a weighty tome but the author's imagination and engaging characters will keep you on board.

Tubes – Andrew Blum (Penguin)

Where's the Internet, in the 'cloud'? No, it's probably under your feet says US Wired's Andrew Blum.

It's a bunch of tubes, fibre-optic cables to be exact. They form a hidden network involving semi-secret data warehouses. It's an incredible feat of engineering that the Victorians who laid transatlantic cable would have appreciated. The writer explores this international network and meets those that keep it running.

In The Shadow Of The Sword – Tom Holland (Little Brown)

Historian Holland's epic account of the roots of Islam has the dynamism of a thriller with lots of war and intrigue. Some of his theories are contentious.

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SATURDAY'S TV 7.07.12

CHOICE



Nick Knowles hosts

The National Lottery: Secret Fortune**BBC1, 8.20pm**

Lottery winners are always people you have never met, and who don't plan on popping round to buy you a Lamborghini any time soon. But the BBC has tried to spread the wealth by making the shows that revolve around those Lottery balls offer a little something for those at home. Step forward Nick Knowles, who is out to ensure viewers get a smile as wide as his own. Secret Fortune is the high-tension quiz show with two players, twenty four envelopes, and one secret fortune. It could be one hundred pounds – or one hundred thousand pounds.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News. Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** Escape to the Country. **1.30** Wimbledon 2012.

6.10 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

6.30 **Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom.** (1984) Action adventure, starring Harrison Ford.

8.20 **The National Lottery: Secret Fortune.** Siblings Zoe and Ronnie compete in the high-tension quiz show presented by Nick Knowles, hoping to win enough money to take their mother on a trip to Las Vegas.

9.10 **Casualty.** The ED staff deal with a potentially fatal application of force by police officers, who use a stun gun on an ex-con during a domestic incident. Guest starring Natalie Gavin.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Agnes ends up at the wrong venue after trying to gatecrash Maria's hen party. She then tries to impress the bride-to-be's mother during a dinner date, but the evening ends in chaos. (R)

10.50 **Live at the Apollo.** Stand-up comedy from the Hammersmith Apollo; (R) National Lottery Update.

11.35 **Film: 16 Blocks.** (2006) A burned-out cop escorts a witness to a trial – but the crooked cops he is testifying against want him dead before he makes it to the courthouse. Thriller, starring Bruce Willis.

1.10 Weatherview. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.10** Live Formula 1: British Grand Prix Qualifying. The battle for pole position from Silverstone (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.30** The Sky at Night. (R) **3.10** Film: The Desperados. (1969) Western, starring Jack Palance. **4.40** Flog It! (R) **5.40** Dad's Army. (R)

6.10 **Wimbledon 2012.** Sue Barker presents further live coverage from the All England Club, featuring the women's and men's doubles finals.

8.00 **Today at Wimbledon.** John Inverdale presents highlights of the women's singles final from the All England Club. Plus, action from the men's and women's doubles finals.

9.00 **The Hollow Crown – Henry IV Part 1.** King Henry argues with his son and heir Prince Hal over the unsavoury company he is keeping – just as rebels threaten the land. Shakespeare adaptation, starring Jeremy Irons.

10.55 **Jeremy Irons on the Henrys.**

The actor explores Shakespeare's depictions of Henry IV and Henry V, examining his treatment of fact and fiction and discovering why his plays may not be as patriotic as they seem.

11.55 **TOTP2.** Performances by Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Stevie Wonder, Spitting Image, Kylie Minogue, Gary Numan, Squeeze and Tina Turner. (R)

12.55 **Film: Small Engine Repair.** (2006) A would-be country singer and his mechanic friend discover more important things in life when an unstable ex-convict shows up. Comedy drama, with Iain Glen and Steven Mackintosh. **2.30** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.15** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** Film: Casino Royale. (1967) **2.55** T4: The Diamonds Are Forever. (1971) **5.05** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.15** ITV News; Weather. **5.30** Primeval.

6.25 **You Cannot Be Serious!** Alistair McGowan presents a topical entertainment show mixing clips, sketches and impressions based on the week's biggest and most talked-about sporting events. Last in the series.

6.55 **You've Been Framed!** Camcorder calamities. (R) **7.25** **Superstar.** New series. Andrew Lloyd Webber launches a new talent search to find an actor to play the title role in a forthcoming arena tour of Jesus Christ Superstar. Hosted by Amanda Holden.

8.25 **Let's Get Gold.** Vernon Kay hosts the final, as teams from across the UK try to impress Roy Ferdinand, Andrew Flintoff, Martine McCutcheon and Una Healy and win a £100,000 prize. Last in the series.

9.55 **ITV News; Weather.** **10.10** **Mad Mad World.** With Jonathan Ross, Denise Van Outen and Anthony Colton.

10.50 **Take Me Out.** An actor, an impersonator, an office manager and a roller-blind fitter take part. (R)

12.05 The Store. ITV News. Headlines. **2.05** In Plain Sight. (R) **2.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** British GT. **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: T4 on the Beach 2012: Buried Treasures. **10.00** T4: Love Shaft. **10.35** T4: Revenge. **11.35** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.10** T4: Summer Daze. **12.45** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.20** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.05** Celebrity Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.10 **Come Dine with Me.** (R)

6.40 **Come Dine with Me.** Michelle Lindsay hosts the penultimate dinner party in Edinburgh. (R)

7.05 **Come Dine with Me.** Toni Giugliano hosts the final dinner party in Edinburgh. (R)

7.35 **Channel 4 News.**

8.00 **River Cottage: Three Go Mad.** Actress Felicity Kendal and Ashes to Ashes stars Philip Glenister and Keeley Hawes take part in a two-day cookery masterclass with Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall. (R)

9.00 **The Million Pound Drop Live.** Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants can win £1million, but lose money for giving incorrect answers.

10.35 **Film: Witness.** (1985) Thriller, starring Harrison Ford.

12.50 4thought.tv. **12.55** Stand Up for the Week. (R) **1.40** Comedy Lab: The Warm-Up Guy. (R) **2.05** Lucky Escape. (R) **2.10** The Million Pound Drop Live. (R) **3.30** My Friend Michael Smith. (R) **3.35** Night Walking. (R) **3.40** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.30** World's Craziest Police Pursuits 2. (R) **11.25** Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) **12.20** Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads. (R) **1.25** Film: Rio Bravo. (1959) Western, with John Wayne and Dean Cain. **4.10** Film: North By Northwest. (1959) Hitchcock thriller, starring Cary Grant.

6.55 **5 News Weekend.**

7.00 **Cricket on 5.** England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fourth and penultimate one-day encounter in the five-match series, held at the Emirates Durham ICG. With commentary and analysis by Michael Vaughan, Geoffrey Boycott and Simon Hughes.

8.00 **NCIS.** The agents investigate the death of a Navy lieutenant at the Pentagon, but discover the chief suspect died days before his apparent victim.

9.00 **Big Brother.** Highlights of the most recent goings-on, including the latest eviction from the housemates' point of view.

10.00 **International Boxing.** Tyson Fury v Vinny Maddaleno. Live coverage of the heavyweight contest from the Hand Arena in Clevedon, Somerset, where unbeaten British prospect Fury returns to action.

12.00 **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming. **4.00** HouseBusters. Life-enhancing changes to a home. (R) **4.25** Great Scientists. Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hansa's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. The animal duo want to learn to fly. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. Big Chris's karaoke machine breaks down. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three **7.00** Doctor Who **7.50** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Emeli Sande and Rizzle Kicks @ **9.00** The Vaccines and the Maccabees @ **10.00** Jessie J and Two Door Cinema Club @ **11.00** Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds and Calvin Harris @ **T**

BBC Four **7.00** The Blue Planet **8.00** Illuminations: The Private Lives of Medieval Kings **9.00** Film: Mesrine: Killer Instinct (2008) **10.45** The Comet's Tale **11.45** The Sky at Night

ITV2 **2.30** America's Got Talent **5.30** Film: Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties (2006) **7.05** Film: Flipper (1996) **9.00** Film: The Fugitive (1993) **11.40** Celebrity Juice

ITV3 **3.45** Sherlock Holmes: The Last Vampyre **6.00** Agatha Christie's Sparkling Cyanide **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Film: The Wives of Windsor (1937)

ITV4 **2.00** Live Cycling: Tour de France. **4.30** The Professionals **5.30** Police, Camera, Action! **6.00** 20 Managerial Appointments That Shook the World **7.00** Cycling: Tour de France Highlights **8.00** Superbikes – When Britain Ruled the World **9.00** Film: The Black Windmill (1974) **11.15** Film: Boogie Nights (1997)

E4 **3.05** Desperate Housewives **4.00** Revenge **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.30** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Film: The Devil Wears Prada (2006) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory

Film4 **2.45** Zulu (1964) **5.30** Fantastic Mr Fox (2009) **7.15** Addams Family Values (1993) **9.00** Shooter (2007) **11.25** The Ormen (2006)

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SUNDAY'S TV 8.07.12

CHOICE



Fearné Cotton hosts

The Nation's Favourite Number One Single

TV1, 9pm
The Queen isn't the only Great British institution celebrating a Diamond Jubilee this year – 2012 also marks the 60th anniversary of the UK singles chart. Even in these digital days, getting to number one still matters, but which single can lay claim to being the nation's favourite? That's what this new three-part series, presented by Fearné Cotton, is about to reveal as it embarks on the ultimate countdown. A group of music experts drew up a list of 60 of the greatest number ones for the public to choose from.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Country Tracks. (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** BBC News. **12.05** Live Formula 1: British Grand Prix. **12.55** Wimbledon 2012. **5.30** Escape to the Country. (R)

6.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 **Countryfile.** The team heads to the hills of Kent, where John Craven learns about the life of National Trust founder Octavia Hill and Ellie Harrison samples a pint made with locally grown hops. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the team return to the Weald and Downland open air Museum in West Sussex, where items of interest include an elaborate clock and an old family toy.

9.00 **Wallander.** New series. The Swedish detective and his girlfriend move into a dream home together – only to discover a skeleton buried in the garden. Kenneth Branagh stars in the crime drama.

10.30 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

10.55 **John Bishop's Britain.** Former cricketer Andrew Flintoff talks about his hobbies on the entertainment show that features stand-up, sketches and real-life stories. (R)

11.40 **Room 101 – Extra Storage.**

12.20 **Weather.** **12.25** Sign Zone: Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. (R) **1.25** **Holby City.** (R) **2.25** **The Great British Country.** (R) **3.25** **Great British Railway Journeys** Goes to Ireland. (R) **3.55** **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** MotoGP. **12.55** Live Formula 1: British Grand Prix. Coverage from Silverstone (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.30** **Film:** Herbie Rides Again. (1974) Disney comedy sequel, starring Helen Hayes. **4.55** Songs of Praise. **5.30** Wimbledon 2012.

8.00 **Secrets of Our Living Planet.** Chris Packham travels around the globe to reveal the secrets of watery habitats, examining how plankton influence atmosphere and climate. Last in the series.

9.00 **World's Most Dangerous Roads.** New series. Comedians Ed Byrne and Andy Parsons brave sub-zero temperatures and traverse icy routes to drive along Siberia's M56 Kolyma highway, known as the "Road of Bones".

10.00 **Mock the Week.** Milton Jones and Ava Vidal join Dara O Briain, Hugh Dennis, Andy Parsons and Chris Addison for the topical comedy panel show. (R)

10.30 **Line of Duty.** Gates is desperate to sever his ties with Jackie after being duped into covering up her crime, but the DCI faces further danger as Arnot and Fleming close in on his secret. (R)

11.30 **Episodes.** Merc's moment of glory at the Man of the Year event is ruined when he learns about Matt's affair with Jamie, and Sean decides whether to fight for Beverly. Last in the series. (R)

12.00 **Today at Wimbledon.** **1.00** MotoGP. (R) **2.25** **BBC News.** **4.00** **Close.**

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** House Gift. (R) **11.25** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.25** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **1.35** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **2.40** **Film:** Columbo Goes to the Guillotine. (1989) **4.30** Doc Martin. **5.35** The Chase. (R)

6.30 **Regional Programme;** Weather.

6.45 **ITV News;** Weather.

7.00 **Emmerdale.** Marlon finds Ashley in Hotten and offers him a place to stay, making it clear he is merely repaying him for officiating at Tricia's funeral.

7.30 **Coronation Street.** Peter's hungry of Nick erupts at Simon's birthday party in the Bistro. Steve resorts to bribery to get Tracy and Beth out of No 13 and Faye's bullies step up their campaign.

8.00 **Superstar.** Andrew Lloyd Webber continues the search for an actor to portray Jesus, inviting the final 40 hopefuls to Superstar Island for a week of training.

9.00 **The Nation's Favourite Number One Single.** New series. Fearné Cotton reveals the results of an online poll to find the UK's best-loved chart-topping single of the past 60 years, with the countdown beginning at number 60.

10.30 **ITV News;** Weather.

10.45 **Film:** Children of Men. (2006) Thriller, starring Clive Owen.

12.45 **The Store.** ITV News Headlines. **2.45** **Golden Balls.** (R) **3.35** **Motorsport UK.** **4.25** **ITV News;** Weather. **5.30** **Morning News.**

CHANNEL 4

6.10 **Sail Mail.** (R) **6.15** **The Hoobs.** (R) **6.40** **The Hoobs.** (R) **7.05** Ironman 2012. **7.35** **FIM Superbike World Championship 2012.** (R) **8.00** **Will & Grace.** (R) **8.30** **Will & Grace.** (R) **8.55** **Frasier.** (R) **9.25** **Frasier.** (R) **10.00** **Sunday Brunch.** **12.40** **The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **1.10** **The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **1.40** **The Simpsons.** (R) **2.10** **Film:** Take the Lead. (2006) **4.30** **Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.30** **Deal or No Deal.**

6.30 **Channel 4 News.**

7.00 **Film:** **St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold.** (2009) Premiere. The mischievous schoolgirls hunt for buried treasure after learning their headmistress is a descendant of pirates. Comedy sequel, with Rupert Everett and Gemma Arterton.

9.00 **Thelma & Gypsy Girls.** New series. Dress-maker Thelma Madine expands her business and decides to hire a group of inexperienced gypsy and traveller girls as trainees.

10.00 **Undercover Lover.** Documentary following a 24-year-old self-made millionaire who hides his possessions and luxury lifestyle to find a woman who likes him for who he is and not his wealth.

11.05 **Film:** **The Running Man.** (1987) A convict takes part in a brutal TV game show in which he is hunted by a series of gadget-wielding killers. Sci-fi action adventure, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, Yaphet Kotto, Maria Conchita Alonso and Richard Dawson.

12.55 **Throughout.** **1.00** **Camelot.** (R) **1.45** **Hollyoaks.** (R) **3.50** **Southland.** **4.35** **Deal or No Deal.** (R) **5.30** **Countdown.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 **Milkshake!** Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** **Fifi and the Flowerbuds.** (R) **6.25** **City of Friends.** (R) **6.35** **Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs.** (R) **6.50** **Castle Farm.** (R) **6.55** **Abby's Flying Fairy School.** **7.05** **Roobarb and Custard Too.** (R) **7.10** **Bananas in Pyjamas.** (R) **7.25** **Family!** (R) **7.30** **Noddy in Toyland.** (R) **7.45** **Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures.** (R) **7.55** **Little Princess.** (R) **8.05** **Mio Mao.** (R) **8.10** **The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.** (R) **8.20** **Milkshake!** Show Songs. (R) **8.25** **Angelina Ballerina.** (R) **8.45** **Rupert Bear.** (R) **9.00** **Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom.** (R) **9.15** **The Mr Men Show.** (R) **9.25** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **9.40** **Jelly Jamm.** (R) **10.00** **Meerkat Manor.** (R) **10.30** **Police Interceptors.** (R) **11.30** **Big Brother.** (R) **12.30** **Film:** **Murder Most Foul.** (1964) **2.15** **Film:** **Murder Alone 4.** (2002) **4.00** **5 News Weekend.**

4.05 **Film:** **Zathura: A Space Adventure.** (2005)

6.00 **Film:** **Ghostbusters.** (1984) Three eccentric scientists who set up a ghost-catching business together and end up having to save the world. Supernatural comedy, with Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Sigourney Weaver.

8.00 **Once Upon a Time.** Ruby demonstrates hidden talents.

9.00 **Big Brother.** Daily round-up of highlights.

10.00 **Film:** **AVP: Alien vs Predator.** (2004) Sci-fi thriller, with Sanaa Lathan.

11.55 **World's Craziest Daredevils.** (R)

12.55 **SuperCasino.** **4.00** **Sons of Anarchy.** **4.30** **Country Secrets.** (R) **5.00** **Hana's Helpline.** (R) **5.10** **The Milkshake! Show.** (R) **5.35** **Thomas & Friends.** (R) **5.45** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 **Formula 1:** British Grand Prix Highlights **8.00** **Elbow @ T.9.00** Nicki Minaj and Chase and Status @ **T.10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Kasabian @ **T.11.00**

BBC Four
7.00 **Lonesome George** and the Battle for Galapagos **8.00** **How to Go Faster and Influence People:** The Gordon Murray F1 Story **9.00** **Film:** **Amadeus** (1984) **11.50** **Still Ringing After All These Years:** A Short History of Bells

ITV2
2.15 **Film:** **Flipper** (1996) **4.05** **Film:** **Batteries Not Included** (1987) **6.15** **Film:** **Hulk** (2003) **9.00** **Benidorm** **10.00** **Mark Wright** **11.00** **Film:** **Three Kings** (1999)

3.50 **Film:** **Carry On Cruising** (1962) **5.40** **Agatha Christie's Poirot** **8.00** **Agatha Christie's Marple** **10.00** **Wire in the Blood**

ITV4
12.00 **Live Cycling:** Tour de France. (1962) **5.40** **Agatha Christie's Poirot** **8.00** **Agatha Christie's Marple** **10.00** **Wire in the Blood**

ITV3
3.10 **Glee** **4.10** **Revenge** **5.10** **Film:** **10 Things I Hate About You** (1999) **7.10** **Rules of Engagement** **8.00** **The Big Bang Theory** **9.00** **Film:** **Mission: Impossible III** (2006) **11.25** **2 Broke Girls** **11.55** **Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23**

Film4
3.05 **One Million Years BC** (1966) **5.00** **MirrorMask** (2005) **7.00** **Coronation Street** **9.00** **What Happens in Vegas** (2008) **10.55** **Happy-Go-Lucky** (2008)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Climbing Great Buildings. (R) 1.30 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Show Me the Money. 3.45 The Hairy Bikers' Food Tour of Britain. (R) 4.30 Flag It! (R) 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 The Farm Fixer. 7.00 Faster, Higher, Stronger. Live. 9.00 Line of Duty. 10.00 Twenty Twelve. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Lost Land of the Volcano. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 10.00 Four Rooms. (R) 11.00 You Deserve This House. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 12.35 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.15 Film: Blossoms in the Dust. (1941) 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 6.55 4thought.tv. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Channel 4 Presents - London 2012: Ellie Simmonds - Part III. 8.00 Beauty and the Beast: Ugly Face of Prejudice. 9.00 Gordon Behind Bars. 10.00 Secrets of the Shoplifters. (R) 11.10 Kashmiri's Torture. 12.15 Random Acts. 12.15 Daredevil: Life on the Edge. (R) 1.15 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 1.40 Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. 2.10 FIVB Beach Volleyball. 3.05 The Grid. (R) 3.30 British GT. (R) 4.00 FIM Superbike World Championship. 4.25 Ironman. 2012. (R) 4.55 Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) 5.20 FIA GT1 World Championship.

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Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. The Hoobs. (R) 6.10 Sail Mail. (R) 6.15 Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 10.00 Four Rooms. (R) 11.00 You Deserve This House. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 12.35 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.15 Film: The Fabulous Baker Brothers. (R) 1.15 Film: Party Girl. (1958) Crime drama, starring Robert Taylor. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 6.55 4thought.tv. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Channel 4 Presents - London 2012: Ellie Simmonds - Part III. 8.00 Beauty and the Beast: Ugly Face of Prejudice. 9.00 Gordon Behind Bars. 10.00 Secrets of the Shoplifters. (R) 11.10 Kashmiri's Torture. 12.15 Random Acts. 12.15 Daredevil: Life on the Edge. (R) 1.15 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 1.40 Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. 2.10 FIVB Beach Volleyball. 3.05 The Grid. (R) 3.30 British GT. (R) 4.00 FIM Superbike World Championship. 4.25 Ironman. 2012. (R) 4.55 Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) 5.20 FIA GT1 World Championship.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Climbing Great Buildings. (R) 1.30 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Show Me the Money. 3.45 The Hairy Bikers' Food Tour of Britain. (R) 4.30 Flag It! (R) 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 The Farm Fixer. 7.00 Faster, Higher, Stronger. The history of Olympic swimming competitors. Last in the series. 8.00 Volcano Live. 9.00 Pompeii: Life and Death in a Roman Town. (R) 10.00 Goll: The Week. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Goll: Football Cops. 12.20 World's Most Dangerous Roads. (R) 12.50 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Let's Do Lunch with Gino & Mel. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. (R) 3.00 Secret Dealers. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 A Touch of Frost. (R) 5.00 Tipping Point. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Grimefighters. (R) 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Case Sensative. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Batman Begins. (2005) Comic-book adventure, starring Christian Bale. 1.05 The Torch; ITV News Headlines. 3.05 Film: Jaws: The Revenge. (1987) Thriller sequel, starring Roy Scheider. 4.35 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.05 The Treacle People. 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 10.00 Four Rooms. (R) 11.00 You Deserve This House. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 12.30 The Fabulous Baker Brothers. (R) 1.00 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newmarket and York. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 6.55 4thought.tv. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Channel 4 Presents - London 2012: Danielle Brown Part III. 8.00 Come Dine with Me. 9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. 10.35 The Angelos Epithimio Show. 11.10 A Short History of Everything Else. 11.40 Random Acts. 12.15 New Girl. 12.15 New Girl. 12.45 Film: Transamerica. (2005) Comedy drama, with Felicity Huffman and Kevin Zegers. 2.25 The Million Pound Drop Live. (R) 3.45 St Elsewhere. (R) 4.30 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Big Brother. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Mentalist. (R) 3.15 Film: Lying to Be Perfect. (2010) Romantic comedy, with Poppy Montgomery and Adam Kaufman. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 Building the London Underground; (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads; 5 News at 9. 9.00 Big Brother: Live Eviction. 10.00 The Bachelor. Spencer discovers one of the women has been hiding a secret. 11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Side. 12.00 SuperCasino. 3.55 Motorsport Mundial. 4.20 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.10 House Doctor. (R)

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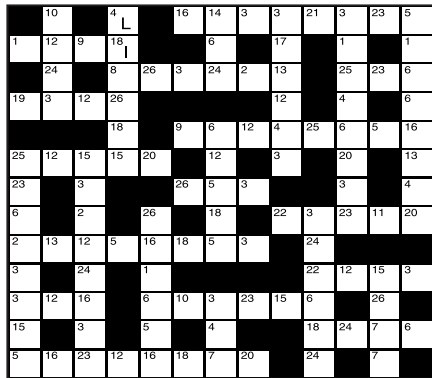
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- French study involving notes (5)
- A dramatic attempt to include the elderly (7)
- Life will have intriguing possibilities for him (7)
- I had been in front but became lazy (5)
- It's not bound to be played! (5,5)
- What you face in the teeth of a gale? (6,4)
- Change of heart for one mother (5)
- It's a strain becoming a skilled craftsman (7)
- Short rhyme upheld in Colet (7)
- Yet it might be some quite pedestrian clause (5)

Down

- Concerning a boy competent and sensible (10)
- Is it one's duty to hug, perhaps? (5)
- Some light or heavy timber (4)
- Lack bite? (6)
- A charming thing to wear! (8)
- Understand that lies are wrong (7)
- One will have words on referring to it (10)
- For a climber in love? (8)
- A bone from Munster (7)
- Riches gained by breaking the law (6)
- Dramatic confidence (5)
- Changed rate of weight allowance (4)

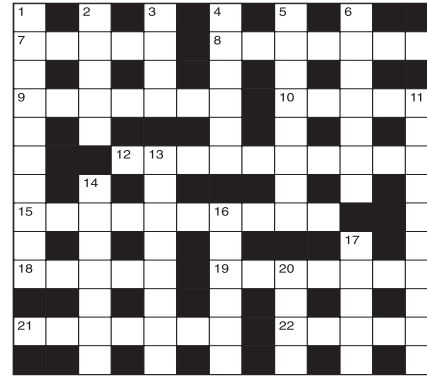
Quick Clues:

Across

- Drone (5)
- Curative treatment (7)
- Frequenter (7)
- Kingdom (5)
- Ownership (10)
- Diligently (10)
- Leaven (5)
- Hold spellbound (7)
- Surround (7)
- Power (5)

Down

- Deceitfulness (10)
- Orb (5)
- Worry (4)
- Accent (6)
- Retaliation (8)
- Diabolical (7)
- Handle (10)
- A sacrifice (8)
- Progress (7)
- Rough (6)
- Sediment (5)
- Subdue (4)



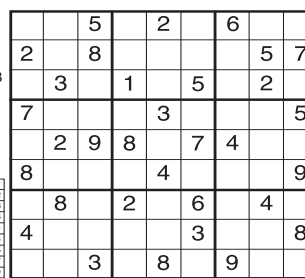
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Renegades; 8 Rio; 9 Leave it to me; 11 Titanic; 12 Lasso; 13 Morose; 15 Adopt; 17 Tith; 18 Curries; 20 Oil and water; 22 Ann; 23 Destroyer. Down: 2 Eve; 3 Green; 4 Detach; 5 Spoiled; 6 Greasepaint; 7 Tortoise; 10 Alterations; 11 Time to pay; 14 Shelled; 16 Scenes; 19 Rower; 21 Ere. QUICK - Across: 1 Consensus; 8 Ago; 9 Underground; 11 Sapient; 12 Erato; 13 Sphere; 15 Ledger; 17 Ashen; 18 Salvage; 20 Reading desk; 22 Egg; 23 Kiel Canal. Down: 2 Own; 3 Eerie; 4 Sprit; 5 Squeeze; 6 Bad language; 7 Concourse; 10 Depth charge; 11 Sustained; 14 Ransack; 16 Aspire; 19 Logic; 21 Spa.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

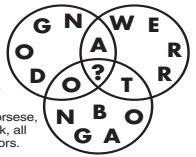
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

3 6 1 3 2 9 4 7 1
9 8 4 1 3 7 5 6 2
7 2 1 5 6 4 8 9 3
4 1 9 7 8 5 3 2 6
5 3 8 2 6 7 1 4
2 7 6 4 1 3 9 5 8
6 9 3 8 7 1 2 4 5
8 5 2 6 4 9 1 3 7
1 4 7 3 5 2 6 8 9



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
The letter represented by the question mark is C. Scoresse, Pollack, Kubrick, all U.S. film directors.

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The cottage has been thoughtfully renovated, retaining its period character with exposed timbers, tiled floors, inglenook and fireplace, and is approached over a sweeping driveway opening out to a central courtyard with a landscaped area with a sandstone bridge over a stream and a sunken garden. The stable block faces the cottage and extends through to a feed store with lambing sheds behind.

The gardens surrounding the property include a barbecue area with thatched pergola, productive kitchen garden and chicken

enclosure, log and machinery store and four paddocks.

On the ground floor the property has a 19ft through lounge with rustic brick fireplace and French doors to the patio, while the study is screened from the lounge with a feature oak glazed divider and the sitting room has a deep inglenook with raised brick hearth, log burner and canopy over. French doors open to a 15ft conservatory with doors to the cottage garden.

Aga

The dining kitchen is heavily beamed with a dining area, central unit fitted with base cupboards, stainless steel sink with double drainer, cupboards and oil fired Aga, while the utility room has a steel sink unit, side drainer and mixer tap and range of wall and base cupboards.

The principal bedroom has a range of fitted wardrobes and en-suite with corner bath, pedestal wash hand basin and low flush WC and there are three further bedrooms and a house bathroom with panelled bath with shower over, pedestal wash hand basin and low flush WC.

Outside planning permission has been applied for to convert a workshop into self-contained living accommodation.

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The large conservatory has views that overlook the rear garden



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7	18 CHANTERY ROAD, HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM, B21 9JB
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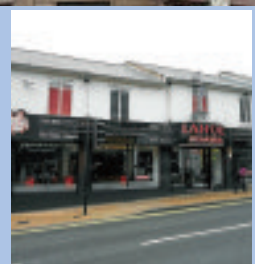


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Freehold Vacant Residential	£58,000 - £63,000
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Freehold Residential Investment	£64,000 - £68,000
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Freehold Residential Investment	£66,000 - £75,000
Freehold Residential Investment	£80,000 - £85,000
Freehold Vacant Residential	£350,000 - £380,000
Freehold Vacant Residential	£450,000 - £480,000
Leasehold Vacant Commercial	£25,000 - £35,000
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34	UNIT 3 OAK COURT, PILGRIMS WALK, PROLOGIS PARK, COVENTRY, CV6 4QH	Leasehold Vacant Commercial	£180,000 - £200,000
35	STAMBERMILL WORKS, BAGLEY STREET, STOURBRIDGE, WEST MIDLANDS DY9 7AR	Freehold Commercial Investment	£400,000 - £450,000
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42	29 BECKETT STREET, BILSTON, WEST MIDLANDS W14 7NS	Freehold Vacant Residential	£72,000 - £78,000
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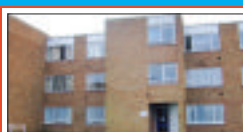
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Landscaped gardens surround the house in Lower Hillcote near Bridgnorth

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Lower Hillcote, The Down, Bridgnorth, is full of charm while retaining its rustic origins with most rooms preserving original features.

Either side of the front door the sitting and dining rooms have high beamed ceilings and inglenook fireplaces with woodburning stoves, with a recent extension of a bespoke green

French oak conservatory with vaulted ceiling and full height glass panelling with doors out to a decked seating area.

The kitchen/breakfast room has a good range of base and wall-mounted units with integrated oven and there is more storage and space in the utility room which has an integrated freezer as well as the rear kitchen/boot room. There is also a cloakroom.

On the first floor are three bedrooms, one with en-suite shower, while the remaining two share a 'Jack and Jill' shower room as well as a family bathroom.

There are two bedrooms on the second floor – one en suite – as well as an area currently used as a study.

Approached up a gravelled driveway to a parking and turning area the gardens are beautifully landscaped with a large area laid to lawn, trees and herbaceous and flowering borders as well as a wildlife pond, small orchard, vegetable beds and greenhouse.

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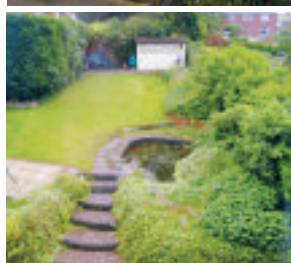


Well presented extended semi-detached property briefly comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, two bedrooms and family bathroom. Rear garden and driveway providing off road parking. Benefitting from central heating and double glazing

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Peugeot pull off the near impossible with their classy 208

PEUGEOT must be haunted by a car it hasn't sold for decades and is now rare as hens' teeth, with most of the five million made long banished to the scrapheap.

The car was the modest hatchback 205 and it proved one of those machines that get under your skin because they look good and are simply lovely to drive.

The 206 and 207 that came after showed the 205 had been a hard act to follow and, although they sold in shed loads, never managed to make owners love them.

Their successor, the 208 reviewed here, is tasked with banishing the 205's ghost and must be the most eagerly anticipated new Peugeot in years.

To live up to its high expectations the new baby has to pull off a dazzling trick: be as well equipped and well built as the best of current little hatchbacks (think Polo and Fiesta), yet as light and nimble on its feet as that original 205 from 1983.

Even small cars have to ooze class today and the 208 does, with expensive looking soft surfaces and, in most cars, a touch

By Ian Donaldson

screen that will (later this year and for a subscription) tell you everything from the weather to the nearest car park. Satellite navigation is a modest £400 addition.

But the biggest pointer to Peugeot's determination to make the 208 a game changer comes when you break out the tape measure and scales. For the car is smaller on the outside, yet bigger inside than the 207 it replaces and, crucially, lighter too.

Beneficial

Averaged across the range, it's like heaving the weight of two grown men out of the car, with obvious beneficial effects on everything from performance and economy to (let's hope) the way the car tackles corners and bumps.

The five-door test car, in midrange Active trim, costs £12,795 and includes as standard manual air conditioning, alloy wheels and the multifunction touch screen. Prices of the new range start at £9,995 and extend

to £18,495, although not many at either extreme are likely to hit the showroom.

Under the newly shortened bonnet sit a range of already familiar petrol and diesel engines and a couple of petrol powered units we have not seen before. They have a mere three cylinders and are likely to prove the most popular engines, in either 1.0 or 1.2 litre form.

Three-cylinders for economy is becoming familiar territory among car makers the world over and in the 208 produces an engine that feels happy to rev, with an engaging thrum and still showed 50mpg after a frustratingly constrained test drive of mainly stop/start city work and confined country lanes.

The 81bhp 1.2 litre in the test car will pull the 208 to 109mph and scores a impressive, if unrealistic 62.8mpg in the official consumption test. You'll pay no road tax the first year and a miserly £20 thereafter. And now to the controversial part of the 208's design, which Peugeot admits is a love-or-hate feature (most people like it, we're told), in the nicely sculpted shape of the smallest steering wheel this side of a single



The Peugeot 208 is smaller on the outside and bigger inside than the 207

seater racing car. It's so tiny you look over it, not through, to read the instruments and for the first few miles it feels extremely odd. Some of the 208's nimble feel comes from suspension firm enough to jar when the car

hits a patch of badly mended road and I'd have gladly traded a little cornering ability for a touch more comfort. That niggle apart, the 208 is Peugeot's most impressive effort for years.

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Wright on time to beat the holders

HIMLEY boosted their Birmingham League Premier Division title hopes with victory over reigning champions **Barnet Green**.

In a game reduced to 35 overs per side, Himley restricted their visitors to 136-7. Indian star Rajat Bhatia, Nathan Round and Ashfaq Hussain all took two wickets each.

Greg Wright (54 not out) and Tom Kohler-Cadmore (39) then guided Himley home.

Walsall brushed aside **Kidderminster Victoria** by nine wickets, skittling them for 46, to remain top of the table.

Wolverhampton (250-5) had to settle for a winning draw against struggling **Wellington** (95-8) in 37 overs.

Staffordshire's Aaron Jeavons (87), Worcestershire's Moeen Ali (72) and Unicorns' Vishal Tripathi (41 not out) starred for the Danescourt men.

Johannes Bothma's 7-26 for Wolverhampton were the best bowling figures in the Premier Division this season.

Division One leaders **Wombourne** lost to **Smethwick** by five wickets.

Smethwick's overseas player Kuldeep Diwan took 5-15 as Wombourne fell for 125 before Smethwick eased home with 11 balls to spare.

Halesowen enjoyed a five-wicket Division Two win against **Old Elizabethans**, who crumbled to 66 all out with Eddie Rhodes taking 4-18.

Division Three leaders **Penkridge** suffered a losing draw at **Stourbridge**.

One victory for Fullwell on the tour

STOURBRIDGE darts player Nick Fullwell could only pick up one win in two days during the latest stage of the PDC Players Championship.

Fullwell did bank £200 after edging out Swede Magnus Caris 6-5.

He was then beaten 6-2 by finalist Ronnie Baxter last Saturday.

Sunday was a bigger disappointment for the 43-year-old, who bowed out with a 6-3 defeat to Andrew Gilding in his first game.

Dyer's keen on landing Hammer spoils

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chance and without them I wouldn't be here now. The only reason I am in Britain racing now is because they gave me a spot and took a chance on me, so I will always be so grateful for that.

"The people were so good to me, everyone made me feel really welcome and you felt part of a family.

"When I signed I didn't know anything about the history of the club and just assumed it was any old National League team, but you find out pretty quickly that it is more than that. People told me about the background of the club and the story behind everything,

and it's amazing the support you get. When you win a race and do a victory lap in front of the Heathens' fans it's the best feeling."

The Hammer pulls in supporters from all over the country and there will be a rider autograph session.

Co-promoter, Halesowen-based Gary Patchett, believes every rider in the field will be desperate to win.

He said: "I feel the line-up represents the very best riders the National League has to offer and is enhanced by four riders who have a special affiliation with the event

and a place in the hearts of Heathens supporters.

"Alongside this season's team we were delighted that former Heathens Lee Smart, Kyle Newman and Micky Dyer accepted our invitations to ride in the event."

The Monmore Green meeting is once again promoting the FAST message through Dudley Stroke Association - Face, Arm, Speech, Time - and there will be a collection on the night for the charity.

Line-up: Ashley Morris (Dudley), Kyle Howarth (Worthington), Micky Dyer (Edinburgh), Rob Branford (Buxton), Adam Roydon (Dudley), Dan Greenwood (Dudley), Ashley Birks (Stoke), Steve Worrall (Scunthorpe), Tom Perry (Dudley), James White Williams (Dudley), Simon Lambert

(Leicester), Darryl Ritchings (Dudley), Byron Bekker (Dudley), Kyle Newman (Somerset), Lee Smart (Redcar).

Meanwhile, fans are urged to snap up their tickets for the evening with Cradley legend Erik Gundersen, as the event is closing in on a sell-out. Gundersen makes his first appearance in the Black Country for years at The Venue Conference and Banqueting Suite in Dudley on Friday, July 20.

Tickets are £10 from the Heathens track shop or online at www.dudleyheathens.co

■ **Dudley's Knockout Cup** match at the Isle of Wight on Tuesday was rained off.

Eagle has landed to give Clark the victory

AN EAGLE and three birdies helped Cameron Clark edge to victory in the Stourbridge Pro Am.

The Moor Hall pro and former PGA Midland skipper carded his eagle at the 502-yard ninth to ensure he was three-under par at the turn.

And that's how he stayed, two birdies and two bogeys on the back nine allowing him to post a round of 67.

That was enough to give him a one-stroke victory from fellow Moor Hall golfer John-Paul Banbury and Himley Hall's Mark Sparrow.

Banbury had been tied for the lead only to drop a shot at the last.

Something similar happened to James Whatley (Morley Hayes) who had eased to three under after 14 holes only to drop shots on the 17th and 18th.

That pushed him back to one-under for the competition, one of six players to shoot a 69.

On what proved a close-fought tussle, five more players were a further shot adrift including Halfpenny Green's Darren Frosser and former Ryder Cup player Paul Broadhurst.

Aston may spar with champion

DUDLEY'S Haringey Box Cup winner Josh Aston could find himself sharing the ring with a reigning Commonwealth champion after his success in London.

The 19-year-old's trainer at Priory Park ABC, Paul Gough, is trying to arrange sparring for the teen with super-bantamweight title holder Carl Frampton.

Gough has contacted Frampton's manager, former WBA world champion Barry McGuigan, about bringing his fellow Northern Irishman to the Black Country.

Aston impressed in front of the BoxNation cameras last Sunday to take his club's only title from the event at the Alexandra Theatre in the capital.

Now the bantamweight - cousin of pro Ryan - could get some top-class sparring before his next amateur competition, the ABA Novices in the autumn.

Good start but nemesis pushes on for a draw

Kenilworth Wardens 209-8, Old Hill 169-8. Draw
OLD HILL made a good start to their Birmingham League Division One game with Kenilworth, taking three early wickets.

But Kenilworth's Martin Donald then came in to bat and proved to be the nemesis of the Old Hill bowlers.

He made 93 before losing his wicket with the score on 197. Donald fell to a caught and bowled by Nigel Davenport, his only wicket on the day.

Matthius Treuberg finished with 3-29, Humais Butt (2-22) and Dmitri Ratnayake (2-50) providing back-up. Kenilworth closed on 209-8 off 55 overs.

In reply, Old Hill had three wickets down before putting 20 runs on the board.

Dmitri Ratnayake (34) and Ian Walker (58) tried to move the score on, but Old Hill finished with 169-8 to give Kenilworth the winning draw.

Shrewsbury 159-8, Old Hill 94-7. Draw
After a rain-delayed start and reduced overs of 33, Old Hill seconds put Shrewsbury into bat.

Bilal Mohammed (3-40) and Jared Daniels (3-42) helped peg Shrewsbury to 159-8 off 33 overs.

Things went awry after tea with the loss of Joe Thorn (seven).

Old Hill seemed to be unable to keep a decent partnership together with Shezad Aslam (24) and Reece Shilvock (16) the top scorers. Old Hill were unable to reach the required target, reaching 94-7 off the 33 overs allotted, but still

Old Hill CC

keeping Shrewsbury to the winning draw.

Old Hill 207-8, Hanley Castle & Upton 92. Old Hill won by 115 runs

With a fine start from the opening pair of Ifkhar Ali (54) and Chris Round (43), Old Hill pushed on.

With Thomas Genders making 40 and the rest chipping in, they reached 207-8 off their 50 overs.

Castle's reply quickly ran into trouble as Omar Lewis took 4-29 and Nathan Davies 2-12.

Hanley were dismissed for 92 as Old Hill won.

Old Hill 191-7, Hanley Castle & Upton 163-7. Draw

Old Hill fourths rallied after losing an early wicket.

Good batting from Ryan Andrews (46) and Joel Foster (31) in the middle order and Rob Lloyd (28 not out) and Kieren Daniels (12 not out) later on helped them to post 191-7.

Hanley Castle made a good reply, but wickets fell regularly and they could do no better than 163-7 as Old Hill took the winning draw.

Brummies go so close in the Monmore derby



Brummies' Bjarne Pedersen, left, and Martin Smolinski chase Freddie Lindgren and Ty Proctor. Picture: John Hipkiss


Wolves 49 Birmingham 41
BRUMMIES team boss Phil Morris nearly prompted an audacious victory for his side in this Elite League derby clash.

Morris made a series of decisive moves as the meeting approached its climax, including a big call to pull

under-performing No.1 Bjarne Pedersen out of heat 13.

The Selco Brummies led by two points with four heats remaining and maximum wins in heats 12 and 14, where the Morris moves left them looking strong, would have given them victory.


But Wolves, inspired by Tai Woffinden's return from injury, hit back to win the meeting and even denied the Selco Brummies the consolation of a near-miss league point. Josh Auty (10+2) and Danny King (10+1) top-scored. Birmingham host Coventry at Perry Barr tonight (7.30pm).



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Grand Slam final hope for tennis star Whitley

HALESOWEN'S Jordanne Whitley hopes to reach her first wheelchair tennis Grand Slam final this weekend.

She pairs up with fellow Briton Lucy Shuker for their second successive women's doubles event at Wimbledon.

Whitley and Shuker have been drawn against second seeds Annick Sevenans of Belgium and Sharon Walraven of the Netherlands for tomorrow's semi-finals.

But Whitley is confident they have the ability to win the contest after she and Shuker narrowly missed out on a place in last weekend's women's doubles final at the BNP Paribas French Open in Antony, Paris.

"We've already beaten Annick and Sharon this year, when we won our first ITF 1 Series title together at the Atlanta Open in May," said Whitley.

In Paris, Whitley and Shuker won 11 of the first 13 games against fourth seeds Kgothato Montjane of South Africa and Sevenans, but at 5-2 up in the second set and with two match points they faced strong resistance and eventually bowed out 0-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4.

Kelly takes county golf contest title

BEARWOOD schoolgirl Ciara Kelly is a runaway county golf winner.

The Year 10 student at Perryfields High School, Oldbury won the Worcestershire and Herefordshire county under-18 golf championship.

Kelly triumphed by 10 shots at Gaudet Luce Golf Club after shooting rounds of 73 and 74.

That left her just three over par for the 36-hole competition.

The Hagley Golf Club member finished well clear of Lucy Walton (The Worcestershire) in second.

Kelly is enjoying a successful season.

She was runner-up in the Worcestershire and Herefordshire county ladies' championship earlier this year.

She has also represented Worcestershire & Herefordshire county ladies in five competitions.

She won three out of four matches, helping her team to tie for second place in the competition.

Craig honoured to be part of Team GB

by Martin Swain

ALBION player Craig Dawson says he is 'honoured' to be included in Team GB for the Olympics – and is convinced it can help his club ambitions.

The England Under-21 defender, who has hit four goals in seven appearances for his country, will join up with Stuart Pearce's men on Saturday.

The squad will then begin preparing for their opening fixture against Senegal at Old Trafford on July 26.

It will take the 22-year-old central defender with the happy knack for goals out of Albion's pre-season preparations and

deny him a chance to impress new boss Steve Clarke.

But Dawson is undeterred by what would seem to be a setback in his efforts to dislodge last term's first-team regulars Jonas Olsson and Gareth McAuley.

"The pair of them had a good season, but we'll all be pushing each other and trying to improve each other as well," he said.

"Hopefully, I can have a good few games at the Olympics, along with a good pre-season and push everyone for a place, which every-

one will be doing. It's going to be a great experience for me and hopefully one that I'll be able to use at the club.

"I didn't really expect the call and it's obviously an honour to be named in the squad.

"It hasn't sunk in and I don't think it will until I meet up with the lads and the manager.

"Monday was a great day for me and my family.

"The call came in and I was training at a local gym when my phone started going crazy and I realised what was going on.

"I've got a few more days at Albion with the fitness coach and then we meet up on Saturday and we'll find out the plan for the next few weeks.

"Fingers crossed we'll do well and I'm sure we'll do everything as well as we can."

He added: "Stuart Pearce is a great manager and we're doing well with the Under-21s.

"I've been able to get a few starts and play a few games under him.

"It's always nice to pop up with a goal, but more importantly it's clean sheets and wins that we need."

Dream is fulfilled as Thomas gets call

KRISTIAN THOMAS has been named for Team GB's Olympic gymnastic squad for London 2012.

Thomas, who trains in Halesowen with Earls Gymnastics Club, has made the five-man artistic team for the Games and revealed his joy after achieving his life-long dream.

The 23-year-old won European Championship gold with Great Britain in May but insisted making Team GB is the pinnacle of his career.

"It feels amazing. It's absolutely fantastic to be part of the team," said Thomas from the Team GB preparation camp at Loughborough University.

"It's been a long slog. Now I'm here it feels like 'this is it'. This is what we've been training all these years for.

"All the hard work, dedication and blood, sweat and tears – everything – has been worth it.

Anxious

"Now I've got the kit on. I can say I'm going to be an Olympian which is my dream."

Thomas' stunning high bar routine clinched team gold in the European Championships in Montpellier in May – but he faced an anxious wait over selection after fourth place in the British Championships.

The gymnastics will take place at the North Greenwich Arena and Thomas is joined by Beijing bronze medallist Louis Smith, Max Whitlock, Sam Oldham and Dan Purvis.

It means 2010 European Champion Dan Keatings, who had just recovered from an ankle injury, and Ruslan Pantelimonov miss out with the team set to travel to France next week for a two week training camp. From there, they then go straight into the Olympic village.

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STEVE PRAISES MIX OF BACKROOM BOYS

STEVE CLARKE has hailed the "great mix" of his backroom staff at Albion after appointing Kevin Keen as joint-assistant head coach alongside Keith Downing.

Keen, the 45-year-old former West Ham United and Liverpool first-team coach, worked with head coach Clarke under manager Gianfranco Zola at Upton Park for two seasons. They were also together for a further year at Anfield during Kenny Dalglish's recent reign.

The pair are now reunited for a second time, with Downing retaining the role he successfully filled under former boss Roy Hodgson following Michael Appleton's departure to Portsmouth and Dean Kiely staying as goalkeeper coach. Clarke said: "Kevin is a fantastic coach, enthusiastic and hard-working. He understands me, knows what makes me tick, and most importantly is a good person to have around the place.

"I think I've now got a great mixture in my coaching staff with Keith and Dean, who know the club and players inside out, and Kevin, who knows me and can help make that connection to all the staff easier."

Keen made more than 600 appearances and scored more than 50 goals for Wycombe Wanderers, West Ham, Wolves, Stoke City and Macclesfield Town.

Albion sporting and technical director Dan Ashworth added: "I'm delighted to welcome Kevin to the club.

"Steve was eager to work with Keith Downing and Dean Kiely when he arrived and also targeted Kevin as the person he would most like to bring in. We're delighted we've been able to keep the nucleus of last

by Martin Swain



Kevin Keen – new job

season's very successful backroom staff together.

"And since Terry Burton left as first-team coach in March we always had it in mind we would appoint another member of coaching staff at the end of the season – and we're pleased to have captured someone of Kevin's calibre."

Keen's playing career began as a 16-year-old West Ham apprentice where he went on to make more than 279 appearances before switching to Wolves in 1993, where he briefly played alongside Downing.

He joined Stoke in October 1994 before his final move to The Silkmen in September 2000.

Athlete gets class in running for Olympic fun

ONE of Britain's top 800m runners whipped up Olympic fever when he visited pupils at a Halesowen school.

Joe Thomas – who recently discovered he will miss out on the London 2012 Games because of an injury – told youngsters at Olive Hill Primary School in Halesowen he was disappointed not to be taking part, but would be cheering on the team all the same.

He picked up a heel injury at the indoor world championships, and then ran into a shin problem which developed into a shin fracture.

Thomas had enjoyed a superb campaign indoors, setting a series of personal bests.

Thomas, aged 24, who is based in Cardiff, visited the Springfield Road school as part of the Team Super Schools initiative, which encourages children to get involved in sport and raises money for promising young athletes.

Headteacher Rachel Cutting said: "The children were inspired to meet a real athlete – and especially one as successful as Joe Thomas."



Athlete Joe Thomas meets 10-year-olds Leah Smith and Cerys Shepherd, along with twins Michelle and Emma Ray, 11, during his visit to Olive Hill primary school

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